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WASHINGTON, Tuesday, Nov. 26.

THE IMPEACHMENT REPORT.

The impeachment reports have been the chief topic of discussion to-day in Congressional circles, as well as outside. The fact that as yet but brief abstracts of them have been made public, prevents a full expression of opinion upon their respective merits. It can be justly said, however, that the majority report does not produce that profound impression which was expected by the friends of impeachment. It is couched, to such a great degree, in the language and temper of the partisan that it loses weight with dispassionate thinkers. The testimony is also producing much disappointment. Judged by the ordinary rules of evidence there is a fearful lack of facts proven wherewith to sustain the charges. Many members have reserved their opinions until they could examine the evidence, but if they are to rely on that for facts in favor of impeachment they will have a poor resource. Judge WILSON'S minority report is highly complimented for its calm, judicial reasoning and its courageous tone. Its publication in full is anxiously looked for. On the whole, it can be safely set down that all expectations of a furor for impeachment, as a consequence of a majority report in its favor, are greatly disappointed. There is no intelligence of any changes in the status of members, and the feeling seems to be very much what it was before, with impeachment losing ground rather than gaining, because of the weak character of the testimony. There is every prospect that the case will grow weaker every day.

GEN. GRANT'S CORRESPONDENCE.

The famous letter of Gen. GRANT on the removal of Secretary STANTON, as well as all the correspondence on the removal of Gens. SHERIDAN and SICKLES, will soon be made public. Mr. BLAINE, to-day, introduced a comprehensive resolution calling upon the General of the armies for all his correspondence, and much more. The usual form is, to call upon the President for such information, but as he regards certain portions of the correspondence as marked "private," the House thought application had better be made at headquarters.

RETRENCHMENT RESOLUTIONS.

Another batch of retrenchment and economical resolutions were introduced in the House to day, and most of them were put through. Some of these embody propositions of the "save at the spiggot and lose at the bung-hole" character. There is a healthy feeling in the House against extravagant or lavish expenditures; but, to prevent the sapping of the revenues, it will require that the same degree of vigor be exercised with regard to the big steals that get into the Appropriation Bills, as is exhibited toward the claims of the employes of the two Houses.

THE EXECUTIVE SESSION OF THE SENATE.

The Senate's session to-day was brief and without event. A short Executive session was held and the nomination for Commissioner of Agriculture was briefly considered. It was decided, however, that no action in secret session should be taken until the regular December meeting. The nomination of Mr. GREELEY as Minister to Austria, which went over at last session by the objection of Senator TIPTON, of Nebraska, was not alluded to.

THE CURRENCY QUESTION.

There will be superabundant attempts at tinkering the currency in the House the present session. A dozen propositions have already been referred to the Banking Committee, most of which contemplate the withdrawal of the National Bank circulation, and the substitution of greenbacks. The opposition to the banks seems to have gathered strength since last Winter, as was evinced to-day on the vote on Mr. ROSS' resolution, instructing the Committee to report a bill withdrawing the bank circulation, a motion to lay it on the table receiving but 51 votes against 101. The resolution did not pass, but was referred.

THE WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE.

The Committee of Ways and Means, under its new organization, held a meeting to-day, but nothing was done save an interchange of friendly feeling on the part of the members.

The new Military Committee will hold a session to-morrow. The Clerks of both the old Committees will be retained.

DETECTIVE BAKER RELEASED FROM ARREST.

The House to-day, on the recommendation of the Chairman of the Judiciary Committee, ordered Detective BAKER to be released from arrest on his payment of costs. The Senate at the same time ordered the arrest and confinement, for contempt, of EDWIN F. DUNBAR, at the instance of the Joint Committee on Retrenchment, for refusing to answer certain questions.

THE PAY DEPARTMENT INVESTIGATION.

The House Special Committee on Frauds in the Pay Department will hold a meeting to-morrow. It is ascertained that the evidence taken shows that money has been paid in large sums by claim agents and others for the purpose of having their cases taken up and disposed of irregularly or preferred in settlement. Several of the most prominent agents in New-York have been summoned and will be examined to-morrow.

Dispatches to the Associated Press.

WASHINGTON, Tuesday, Nov. 26.

SPECIMEN OF INTERNATIONAL COIN.

A specimen medal of the proposed international coin of twenty-five francs, recently struck by the Government of France, was presented this morning to the President through Mr. SAMUEL B. RUGGLES, delegate of the United States to the International Monetary Conference, and who has just returned from Paris. The new coin is twenty-four millimetres in diameter, very slightly exceeding that of the present half eagle of the United States and the sovereign of Great Britain. It bears on its obverse the conjoint inscription "five dollars, twenty-five francs," and is a type of the proposed monetary union of the three nations. If adopted by the Governments of the United States and Great Britain, this international coin bearing the denominations and emblems of the respective nations, will circulate side by side in perfect equality, and without impediment throughout the world. The official report of Mr. RUGGLES, fully embodying the facts needed for the careful consideration of the subject will probably be sent to Congress during the coming week.

MEMPHIS AND LITTLE ROCK RAILROAD.

The land agent of the Memphis and Little Rock Railroad has filed with the Commissioner of the General Land Office a map showing the line of road, commencing at the town of Hopefield, on the Mississippi River, and running through the counties of Crittenden, St. Francis, Monroe, Prairie and Pulaski, to the City of Little Rock, with six and fifteen mile limits laid down under the original act of Feb. 9, 1853, and also the additional five mile limits as provided for by the second section of the reviving act, approved July 28, 1866.

CHOLERA AT HAVANA.

Our Vice-Consul-General at Havana, under date of Nov. 19, reports that the number of cases of cholera is decreasing very considerably, and the weather is very fine.

THE SENATE EXECUTIVE SESSION.

The executive session of the Senate to-day was to consider the question of taking up the Dominions laid over at the last session—that of Col. CAPRON for Commissioner of Agriculture, and others. Some of the Senators desiring to obtain further information in regard to some of the nominations, no action was taken.

THE IMPEACHMENT QUESTION.

THE LAW AND THE EVIDENCE IN THE CASE.

Report of the Chairman of the Judiciary Committee, Hon. James Wilson, of Iowa, Concurred in by Mr. Woodbridge.

We dissent from the conclusions arrived at by a majority of the Committee, and ask leave to present a minority report.

On the 3d day of June, 1867, it was declared by a solemn vote in the Committee that from the testimony then before them, it did not appear that the President of the United States was guilty of such high crimes and misdemeanors as called for an exercise of the impeaching power of this House. The vote stood yeas five, nays four. On the 21st inst. this action of the Committee was reversed, and a vote of five to four declared in favor of recommending to the House an impeachment of the President. Forty-eight hours have not yet elapsed since we were informed of the character of the report which represents this changed attitude of the Committee. The recentness of this event compels a general treatment of some features of the case as it is presented by the majority which otherwise would have been treated of more in detail.

The report of the majority resolves all presumptions against the President, closes the door against all doubts, affirms facts as established by the testimony in support of which there is not a particle of evidence before us which would be received by any Court in the land. We dissent from all of this, and from the temper and spirit of the report. The cool and unbiased judgment of the future, when the excitements in the midst of which we live shall have passed away, will not fail to discover that the political bitterness of the present times has, in no inconsiderable degree, given tone to the document which we decline to approve.

In senting as we do from the report of the Committee, both as to the law of the case and the conclusions drawn from the facts developed by the testimony, a due respect for the body which imposed on us the high and transcendentally important duty involved in an investigation of the charges preferred against the President, impels us to present at length our views of the subject which has been committed to us by a most solemn vote of the House of Representatives. In approaching this duty we feel that the spirit of the partisan should be laid aside, and that the interests of the Republic, as they are measured by its Constitution and laws, alone should guide us. And we most deeply regret that, in this regard, we cannot approve the report of our colleagues who constitute a majority of the Committee. While we would not charge them with a design to act the part of partisans in this grave proceeding, we nevertheless feel pained by the tone, temper and spirit of their report. But regrets will not answer the demands of the present grave and commanding occasion; and we therefore respond to them by presenting to the House the results of a careful, deliberate, and, as we hope, a conscientious investigation of the case before us.

WHAT THE CONSTITUTION SAYS.

The Constitution of the United States declares that "the House of Representatives * * * shall have the sole power of impeachment." What is the nature and extent of this power? Is it as boundless as it is exclusive? Having the sole power to impeach, may the House of Representatives lawfully exercise it whenever and for whatever a majority of the body may determine? Is it a lawless power, controlled by no rules, guided by no reason, and made active only by the likes or dislikes of those to whom it is intrusted? Have civil officers of the United States nothing to insure them against an exercise of this power, except an adjustment of their opinions and official conduct to the standard set up by the dominant party in the House of Representatives? Happily for the nation this power is not without its constitutional boundaries, and is not above the law. When we examine the Constitution to ascertain in what cases the power of impeachment may be exercised—for what acts civil officers may be impeached—we are informed that "the President, Vice-President and all civil officers of the United States shall be removed from office, on impeachment for and conviction of treason, bribery or other high crimes and misdemeanors." (Art. 11, sec. 2.)

In these cases only can the power of impeachment be lawfully used. It would seem to be difficult to mistake the import of this plain provision of the fundamental law of the land; and yet it is not free from conflicting interpretations.

The fact that the framers of the Constitution selected by name two indictable crimes as causes of impeachment, would seem to go far toward establishing as the true construction of the terms "high crimes and misdemeanors," that all other offences for which impeachment will lie must also be indictable. Having fettered the House of Representatives by naming two well defined crimes of the highest grade, it is not to be presumed that the same hands which did it clothed the House with the right to ramble through all grades of crimes and misdemeanors, all instances of improper official conduct and improprieties of official life, grave and unimportant, harmful and harmless alike. It is unreasonable to say that the men who framed our Constitution, after undertaking to place a limitation on the power of impeachment, ended their effort by throwing away all restraints upon its exercise, and placing it entirely within the keeping of those upon whom it was intended to confer only a limited power. There is something more stable than the whims, caprices and passions of a majority, established as a restraint upon this power by the Constitution. The House of Representatives may impeach a civil officer, but it must be done according to law. It must be for some offence known to the law, and not created by the fancy of the members of the House. As was very pertinently remarked by HOPKINSON on the trial of CHASE, "the power of impeachment is with the House of Representatives, but only for impeachable offences. They are to proceed against the offence, but not to *create* the offence, and make any act criminal and impeachable at their will and pleasure. What is an offense is a question to be decided by the Constitution and the law, not by the opinion of a single branch of the Legislature; and when the offence thus described by the Constitution or the law has been committed, then, and not until then, has the House of Representatives power to impeach the offender."

A civil officer may be impeached for a high crime. What is a crime? It is such a violation of some known law as will render the offender liable to be prosecuted and punished. "Though all willful violations of rights come under the generic name of wrongs, only certain of those made penal are called crimes." (Ency. Brit. vol. xiii, 275.) The offence must be a violation of the law of the sovereignty which seeks to punish the offender; for no act is a crime in any sovereignty except such as is made so by its own law. In England no act is a crime save such as is so declared either by the written or unwritten law of the Kingdom; and therefore, only crimes of the law of England are indictable in England. Crimes are defined and punished by law—by the law of the sovereignty against which the crime is committed—and nothing is a crime which is not thus thus defined and punished. "Municipal law (which among its multiplicity of offices defines and pupishes crimes) is a rule of action prescribed by the supreme power in a State, commanding what is right and prohibiting what is wrong." (1 Blackstone, 44.) Nothing is a crime which is not such a breach of this command or prohibition as carries with it a prescribed penalty. Hence BLACKSTONE said: "All laws should be therefore made to commence *in futuro*." The citizen must be notified of what acts are crimes, and he cannot be lawfully punished for any others. The reasonableness of this rule was appreciated, and its inforcement provided for by the Convention which framed the Constitution of the United States when they placed in that instrument the declaration that "no * * * *expost facto* law shall be passed." No act which was not a crime at the time of its commission can be made so by subsequent legislation or judicial action; and this doctrine is as binding on the House of Representatives when exercising its power of impeachment, as when employed in ordinary legislation.

All that has been said herein concerning the term "crimes" may be applied with equal force to the term "misdemeanors," as used in the Constitution. The latter term in no wise extends the jurisdiction of the House of Representatives beyond the range of indictable offences. Indeed the terms "crime" and "misdemeanor" are, in their general sense, synonimous—both being such violations of law as expose the persons committing them to some prescribed punishment; and, although it cannot be claimed that all crimes are misdemeanors, it may be properly said that all misdemeanors are crimes. BLACKSTONE, in his Commentaries, states it thus: "In common usage, the word crimes is made use of to denote such offences as are of a more atrocious dye; while small faults and omissions of less consequence are comprised under the gentle name of misdemeanors only." HALE, in his Pleas of the Crown, states the doctrine in this wise: "Temporal crimes, which are offences against the laws of this realm, whether the common law or acts of Parliament, are divided into two general ranks or distributions in respect to the punishments that are by law appointed for them, or in respect to their nature or degree; and thus they may be divided into capital offences, or offences only criminal, or rather, and more properly, into felonies and misdemeanors. And the same distribution is to be made touching misdemeanors, namely: They are such as are so by the common law, or such as are specially made punishable as misdemeanors by acts of Parliament."

Thus it appears that the terms crime and misdemeanors merely indicate the different degrees of offences against law—crime marking the felons' degree, misdemeanor denoting "all offences inferior to felony." Both indicate indictable offences. They are terms of well-established legal signification. There is nothing uncertain about them. The framers of the Constitution used these terms as terms of art, and we have no authority for expanding them beyond their true technical limits.

An examination of the several provisions of the Constitution which have any bearing upon this subject will strengthen the position hereinbefore assumed. Section 3, article 1, reads thus: "The Senate shall have the sole power to try all impeachments. When sitting for that purpose, they shall be on oath or affirmation. When the President of the United States is tried, the Chief-Justice shall preside; and no person shall be convicted without the concurrence of two-thirds of the members present." When the Senate is organized under this section of the Constitution as a High Court of Impeachment, it is simply a Court of special criminal jurisdiction—nothing more, nothing less. It is bound by the rules which bind other Courts. It is as much restrained by law as any other Criminal Court. It is not a tribunal above the law, and without rule to guide it. If it were, it might well be addressed in the language of BURKE, in one of his speeches in the Hastings case, when he said:

"This high Court * * * this highest Court of criminal jurisdiction, exercised upon the requisition of the House of Commons, if left without a rule, would be as lawless as the wild savage and as unprincipled as the prisoner that stands at your bar."—(Burke's Works, vol. VIII, p. 8.)

No man would be safe before such a Court—a Court that could make the crime, determine its mode of proof, pronounce and execute judgment without restraint from the constitution or laws of the land. No such irresponsible engine of wrong and oppression has been created by the Constitution. The British Constitution allows no such unrestricted power to the House of Lords. "An impeachment before the Lords by the Commons in Great Britain, in Parliament, is a prosecution of the *already known and established law*, and has been frequently put in practice, being a presentment to the most high and supreme Court of criminal jurisdiction by the most solemn grand inquest of the whole kingdom, (4 Blackstone, 259.) And when this most high and supreme Court of criminal jurisdiction is assembled for the trial of a person impeached for a violation of the "already known and established law," it must proceed according to the known and established law; for although "the trial must retain its external ceremony, it differs not in essentials from criminal prosecutions before inferior Courts. The same rules of evidence, the same legal notions of crimes and punishments prevail." (Woodson, Vol. 2, 611.) A doctrine which would assert for the Senate of the United States greater and more despotic power in cases of impeachment than is possessed by the House of Lords will never be accepted by the American people.

If the Senate, sitting as a High Court of Impeachment, is not to be bound by the laws which bind other Courts, why require the Senators to be put on oath or affirmation? If this Court may declare anything a high crime or misdemeanor which may be presented as such by the House of Representatives, and pronounce judgment against a civil officer thereon, why swear the members of the Court at all? The oath is not a solemn mockery. It is prescribed for some good purpose. What is it? The form of oath adopted by the Senate in CHASE'S case, affords a very satisfactory answer, and it is, therefore, here quoted, as follows:

"You solemnly swear or affirm, that in all things appertaining to the trial of the impeachment of ——, you will do impartial justice according to the Constitution and laws of the United States." (Chase's trial, vol. 1, p. 12.)

This oath is very comprehensive. It covers the charge, the evidence, and all the rules thereof, the decisions upon all questions arising during the progress of the trial, and the final judgment. In all these several respects the members of the Court are to be guided by the Constitution and laws of the United States. They can try upon no charges other than treason, bribery, or other high crimes and misdemeanors, and the offence charged must be known to the Constitution or to the laws of the United States. The rules of evidence under and in pursuance of which crimes may be proved upon indictment in the Courts of the United States, are to be observed. The judgment "shall not extend further than a removal from office, and disqualification to hold and enjoy any office of honor, trust or profit under the United States." The office of the oath is to insure a strict observance of these requirements of the Constitution and the laws. This seems clear without further reference to the provisions of the Constitution, but it is proper that we should look at all of its clauses bearing upon the question under discussion.

The Constitution having created a Court for the trial of impeachments, prescribed its jurisdiction and placed a limitation on its powers to pronounce judgment, then declares that "the party convicted shall nevertheless be liable and subject to indictment, tried, judgment and punishment according to law." It would seem difficult, indeed, to misunderstand this language. A civil officer convicted on impeachment is, notwithstanding such conviction, still liable to a prosecution for the same offence in the Courts of ordinary criminal jurisdiction. How can this be if his offence be not an indictable crime? The Court of Impeachment cannot apply the usual statutory punishments. It cannot go beyond removal from and disqualification to hold office under the United States. The enforcement of other penalties for the same criminal conduct is left to the Criminal Courts of the country after conviction upon indictment. Is not this substantially a constitutional direction to the Court of Impeachment not to convict a civil officer of any crime or misdemeanor for which an indictment will not lie? This view of the question was very forcibly stated by Mr. MARTIN in his argument in CHASE'S case in these words:

"The very clause in the Constitution, of itself, shows that it was intended the person impeached and removed from office might still be indicted and punished for the *same* offence, else the provision would have been not only nugatory, but a reflection on the enlightened body who framed the Constitution, since no person ever could have dreamed that a conviction on impeachment, and a removal from office in consequence, for *one offence*, could prevent the same person from being indicted and punished for *another* and *different offence*." (Chase's Trial, Vol. 2, p. 137.)

How can the force of this argument be avoided? Wherein does it lack the support of sound reason and good sense? But it does not rest merely upon the clauses of the Constitution above quoted; others, yet to be noticed, give it much additional strength, and these will now be examined.

The section of the Constitution securing the trial by jury reads as follows:

"The trial of all crimes, except in cases of impeachment, shall be by jury." (Section 2, Article 3.)

Can it be successfully claimed that the word "crimes," as here used, is less comprehensive than it is where it occurs in Section 2 of Article 2? If not, then the crimes for which a civil officer may be impeached are the subjects of indictment or punishment; for such only can be tried by a jury. Any act which is a crime within the meaning of the last-named section, is also a crime within the intent of the former, although the converse of this proposition is not true, as it is not every crime which a jury may try which will render a civil officer committing it liable to impeachment. For the latter purpose the crime must "have reference to public character and official duty." (Rawle on the Constitution, 204.) The plain inference to be drawn from the section is, "that cases of impeachment are cases of trials for crimes."

Again, in that part of the Constitution which clothes the President with the power to grant pardons, it is said: "He shall have power to grant reprieves and pardons for offences against the United States, except in cases of impeachment." (Article 2, section 2.) What is the meaning of the term "offences?" It cannot mean less than such acts as render offenders liable to punishment, else why is a pardon necessary or even desirable? No one needs a pardon who has not committed a crime. A pardon shields from, or relieves of, punishment. Punishment follows trial and conviction. Trial and conviction for crime can be had only for a violation of an existing law declaring the act done a crime. The term offences, then, means crimes, in which, of course, is included misdemeanors. High crimes and misdemeanors are subject to two jurisdictions—first, in the ordinary Criminal Courts of the country; second, in the High Court of Impeachment. The same party, for the same acts, may be on trial in both tribunals, at the same time. If convicted in both cases, the President may pardon the criminal and release him of the consequences resulting from a conviction by the first-named jurisdiction, but the Constitution forbids his interference with the last. The grant of power and the exception are both in the same clause of the same section, and the fact that they are thus intimately associated shows that they relate to the same subjects—indictable offences.

So intimately are these several sections and clauses of the Constitution connected with each other, so unerringly do they point in the same direction, so irresistibly do they suggest a consecutive train of thought, so perfectly does each part adjust itself to the whole, that it seems impossible to escape the conclusion that nothing less than an indictable crime or misdemeanor will support an impeachment of a civil officer of the United States. A fact recorded in the trial of CHASE is very suggestive in its connection. Eight articles were preferred against him by the House of Representatives. It seems to have been admitted that all of the articles except the fifth charged him with criminal conduct. With regard to the fifth his counsel made the point that it did not "charge in express terms some criminal intent on the respondent." The proof was as clear upon this article as it was upon the remaining seven. Thirty-four Senators voted on the several articles, and while the votes on seven of them ranged from four to nineteen for conviction, every Senator answered "not guilty" in the fifth. It is fair to conclude, in view of the proof submitted in support of the several articles, that the members of the Court approved the position taken by the counsel of CHASE on the trial.

It is claimed by those who oppose the doctrine herein advanced, that it is contrary to the current of the English and American authorities. This is an error which a careful examination of the cases will not fail to expose. Comparatively little attention has been devoted to the power of impeachment, and to the laws and principles which govern it in this country. Popular opinion is more at fault with respect to this subject than perhaps any other within the entire range of the Constitution. It is generally considered a kind of unlimited, undefined and undefinable power, whose proper office it is to supply all defects of law, and to provide all desired remedies respecting civil officers and their official conduct—a patent medicine for the speedy cure of all cases which baffle the skill of the regular practice. It seems strange that this idea should have become so prevalent; for it has not a fair, impartial, well-considered case in either the United States or Great Britain to support it.

PRECEDENTS—THE CASE OF W. BLOUNT.

The first case of impeachment by the House of Representatives was that of WILLIAM BLOUNT, a Senator from the State of Tennessee, in 1797. The articles in this case were five in number. The first charged the said WM. BLOUNT with intending to carry into effect a hostile expedition in favor of the English against the Spanish possessions of Louisiana and Florida; the second, with attempts to engage the Creek and Cherokee Indians in the said expedition; the third, with having alienated the affections of the said Indians from BEN. HAWKINS, an agent of the United States among the Indians, the better to answer the said purposes; the fourth, with having seduced JAMES CAREY, an interpreter of the United States among the Indians, for the purpose of assisting in his criminal intentions; and the fifth, with having attempted to diminish the confidence of the Cherokee Indians in relation to the boundary line, which had been run in consequence of the treaty which had been held between the United States and the said Indians. (Annals of Cong., 5th Cong., Vol. 1, pp. 499, 919.) These charges were set out with great particularity and were declared to be criminal breaches of BLOUNT'S "trust and station as a Senator, in violation of the obligations of neutrality, and against the laws of the United States." They were undoubtedly regarded as indictable offences. Why they were so regarded will appear hereafter.

BLOUNT appeared by his counsel, JARED INGERSOLL and A. J. DALLAS, who entered in his behalf a plea to the jurisdiction of the Court. The plea set out four reasons why the Court should not entertain jurisdiction of the case, though it appears that the matter was disposed of upon a single point. After argument, the following motion was voted on by the Court;

"That WILLIAM BLOUNT was a civil officer of the United States within the meaning of the Constitution of the United States, and, therefore, liable to be impeached by the House of Representatives."

"That, as the articles of impeachment charge him with high crimes and misdemeanors, supposed to have been committed while he was a Senator of the United States, his plea ought to be overruled."

The vote of the Senators upon this motion stood—yeas 11, nays 14, and thereupon the managers of the House of Representatives and the counsel of BLOUNT were informed that—

"The Court is of opinion that the matter alleged in the plea of the defendant is sufficient in law to show that this Court ought not to hold jurisdiction of the said impeachment, and that the said impeachment is dismissed. (*Ibid.* vol. 2, pp. 23, 18, 19.) This is the only point decided in the Blount case."

THE CASE OF JUDGE PICKERING.

The next case presented by the House of Representatives was that against JOHN PICKERING, Judge of the United States District Court of the District of New-Hampshire. He was charged with gross misconduct in the trial of a revenue case which grew out of the seizure of a certain vessel for a breach of the revenue laws, contrary to his "trust and duty as a Judge of the said District Court, against the laws of the United States, to the great injury of the public revenue, and in violation of the solemn oath which he had taken to administer equal and impartial justice;" and that he did this "wickedly intending to injure the revenues of the United States, and thereby to impair their public credit." This was the substance of three of the articles presented in the case. The other one (there being four in all) charged him with "being a man of loose morals and intemperate habits;" and that he appeared on the bench for the purpose of administering justice "in a total state of intoxication * * * and did then and there frequently, in a most profane and indecent manner, invoke the name of the Supreme Being." &c. (The 1st Ses., 8th Cong., 321.)

Judge PICKERING did not appear in the case, but his son sent to the Vice President a petition which was laid before the Court, asking for a postponement of the trial, and that as his father was incapable of defending himself, he might be defended by his friends. The petition alleged, among other things, that "at the time when the crimes wherewith the said JOHN (PICKERING) stands charged, are supposed to have been committed, the said JOHN was, and for more than two years before, and ever since has been, and now is, insane, his mind wholly deranged and altogether incapable of transacting any kind of business which requires the exercise of judgment or the faculties of reason, and, therefore, that the said JOHN PICKERING is incapable of corruption of judgment, no subject of impeachment or amenable to any tribunal of his actions. (Ibid. 328.)

A discussion arose on this petition, in which the members of the House of Representatives opposed the reception of the petition and the introduction of evidence in support. But the Court decided to "hear evidence and counsel respecting the insanity of JOHN PICKERING," by a vote of—yeas, 18; nays, 12. (*Ibid* 332.) A number of depositions were read in support of the petition, and it will be difficult to find any fact in the case better supported, or more substantially proved, than that of the insanity of the respondent. This issue was a grave and pertinent one, and yet the Court, after deciding to entertain it, and proceeding to its trial, finally disposed of the case as though no such issue had been raised. This conduct of the Court is both remarkable and discreditable; but not more so than its final action on the question of the guilt or innocence of the accused. PICKERING was impeached for high crimes and misdemeanors. If convicted at all, the Constitution required that it should be for high crimes and misdemeanors, as there were no charges of treason or bribery in the case. In order that the guilt or innocence of the respondent should be directly passed upon by the Court without any improper evasion of its real and legal merits, Senator WHITE moved that the "following question be put to each member upon each article of impeachment—viz.: Is [JOHN PICKERING, District Judge of the district of New-Hampshire, guilty of high crimes and misdemeanors upon the charges contained in the —— article of impeachment, or not guilty?" The mover stated that he had borrowed the form of the question from the one used in the case of WARREN HASTINGS. The question was fair in form, and presented the identical issue which the Court was about to decide; but it did not suit the purposes of those who were determined to convict, and it was rejected by a vote of yeas 10, nays 18. Thereupon Senator ANDERSON moved the following form:

"Is JOHN PICKERING, District Judge of the District of New-Hampshire, guilty as charged in the —— article of impeachment exhibited against him by the House of Representatives?"

This form was adopted by yeas 18, nays 9. (*Ibid.*, 364.) So the Court, after entertaining the plea of insanity, and neglecting to decide it, on the foregoing evasive and unmeaning question convicted PICKERING on each article, and removed him from office; but this end was reached by a strictly party vote.

Senator DAYTON said of the form of the question, and the reason of its adoption, "They were simply to be allowed to vote, whether Judge PICKERING was guilty, as charged—that is, guilty of the facts charged in each article, aye or no. If voted guilty of the facts, the sentence was to follow, without any previous question whether those facts amounted to a high crime or misdemeanor. The latent reason of this course was too obvious. There were members who were disposed to give sentence of removal against this unhappy Judge, upon the ground of the facts alleged and proved, who could not, however, conscientiously vote that they amounted to high crimes and misdemeanors, especially when committed by a man proved at the very time to be insane, and to have been so ever since, even to the present moment. (*Ibid*, 365.) If this rule is to be followed any civil officer may be impeached, convicted and removed from office for acts entirely proper and strictly lawful. Who can wonder that members of the Court denounced the whole proceeding as "a mere mockery of trial?" Surely the case reflects no credit on the Senate which tried it, and in one short year the members of the body seem to have arrived at the same conclusion; for on the trial of Judge CHASE the form of the question adopted, to be propounded to each member of the Court, was as follows: Mr. ——, how say you, is the respondent, SAMUEL CHASE, guilty or not guilty of a high crime or misdemeanor, as charged in the —— article of impeachment?" *Ibid.* Second Session Eighth Congress, 664.) It is to be hoped that no one will ever quote the Pickering case as an authority to guide the House in presenting, or the Senate in trying a case of impeachment. It decided nothing except that party prejudice can secure the conviction of an officer impeached, in spite of law and evidence. The next case carried to the Senate by the House of Representatives has gone into history as one without sufficient foundation in fact or law. (Hildreth's History of the U. S., v. 254.)

THE CASE OF JUDGE CHASE.

The case of SAMUEL CHASE, a Judge of the Supreme Court of the United States, is now referred to. CHASE was impeached on high crimes and misdemeanors in eight articles. It is not necessary to set out the substance of these articles. One of them was founded on his conduct at the trial of JOHN FRIES, for treason, before the Circuit Court of the United States, at Philadelphia, in April and May, 1800—more than four years before his impeachment. Five of them were based on his conduct at the trial of JAMES THOMPSON CALLENDER, "for printing and publishing against the form of the act of Congress, a false, scandalous, and malicious libel, &c., against JOHN ADAMS, then President of the United States," &c. The remaining two rested on his charge to the Grand Jury in and for the District of Maryland, in May, 1803; and his refusal to discharge the Grand Jury in and for the District of Delaware, in June, 1800. The articles portrayed the conduct of Judge CHASE in as offensive a manner as the Committee could command. The bitterness of RANDOLPH appeared in every article, and the enemies of the accused felt confident of his conviction.

CHASE answered minutely and elaborately to the several articles, and filed against each the following plea, viz: "And the said SAMUEL CHASE, for plea to the said article of impeachment, saith, that he is not guilty of any high crime or misdemeanor, as in said by said first article is alleged; and this he prays may be inquired of by this honorable Court, in such manner as law and justice shall seem to them to require. (Ib. 117.") This was the issue on which the case went to trial. The result was the acquittal of CHASE on each article. This result was not owing to a failure of the evidence produced to support the facts alleged, for so far as, at least, four of the articles are concerned, the allegations were supported in almost every particular, and had the same form of question been used on the conclusion of the trial as was adopted in the Pickering case, CHASE, doubtless, would have been convicted. The questions propounded in both cases have already been quoted, and a mere glance at them will show how PICKERING was convicted and CHASE acquitted.

If this case establishes anything, it is that an impeachment cannot be supported by any act which falls short of an indictable crime or misdemeanor. This point was urged by the able counsel for CHASE with great ability and pertinacity, and the force with which it was presented drove the managers of the House of Representatives to seek shelter under that clause of the Constitution which says: "The Judges, both of the Supreme and inferior Courts, shall hold their offices during good behavior." (Manager Nicholson's speech, Ibd., 597.) The provision respecting the tenure of the judicial office, it was claimed, would authorize the impeachment of a Judge for misbehavior, which would not support an indictment. The Court did not approve this position, and very properly; for as the Constitution provides that civil officers may be impeached for high crimes or misdemeanors, and nothing is known to the law as a high crime or misdemeanor which is not indictable, of course an impeachment for anything else would be improper and unlawful.

If the position assumed by the managers in the Chase case, that a Judge may be impeached for mere misbehavior in office, not amounting to an indictable offence, because such conduct is a breach of the tenure by which the judicial office is held is correct, what would be its effect on the case which this Committee now have in hand? If resort must be had to the clause of the Constitution which prescribes the tenure of the judicial office, to justify an impeachment of a Judge on account of conduct not known to the law as a crime, does it not reach too far to serve the purposes of those who would impeach the President of the United States, because of acts for which he may not be indicted? The President holds his office by a different tenure. The Constitution says: "The executive power shall be vested in a President of the United States of America. He shall hold his office during the term of four years." (Art. 11, sec. 1.) This provision of the Constitution stands firmly in the way of those persons who would tone down the term misdemeanor below the indictable standard, by resorting to the clause fixing the judicial tenure. Judges hold their respective offices during good behavior; the President holds for a definite time—four years. If, therefore, the argument proves anything in the former case, it proves too much for the latter. If a Judge may be impeached for non-indictable conduct because he holds his office during good behavior, it follows logically that an officer who holds for a term of years cannot be so impeached. This exposes the fallacy of the entire argument.

THE CASE OF JUDGE PECK.

In 1830 the House of Representatives carried another impeachment to the Senate for trial. This was the case against JAMES H. PECK, Judge of the District Court of the United States for the District of Missouri. The charge against Judge PECK was of high misdemeanor in office. But one article was presented, which set out with great particularity the facts on which the accusation was based, and charged that "the said JAMES H. PECK, Judge as aforesaid, unmindful of the solemn duties of his station, and that he held the same, by the Constitution of the United States, during good behavior only, with intention wrongfully and unjustly to oppress, imprison, and otherwise injure LUKE EDWARD LAWLESS did, thereafter, at a term of the said District Court of the United States for the District of Missouri, * * * *, arbitrarily, oppressively, and unjustly, and under color and pretence that the said LUKE EDWARD LAWLESS was answerable to said Court, * * * as for a contempt thereof," &c.; that he caused LAWLESS to be unlawfully arrested; that he unjustly, oppressively and arbitrarily imprisoned said LAWLESS in the common prison, and suspended him from practicing in said Court, "to the great disparagement of public justice, the abuse of judicial authority, and to the subversion of the liberties of the people of the United States." (Trial of Judge PECK, 51.)

PECK filed a lengthy answer, in which he justified his conduct. He alleged that "in all the actions and doings of the respondent in the premises, he avers that he was supported and justified by the Constitution and laws of the land." This was the issue tendered by the respondent. He did not rest upon any real or supposed weakness of the case as presented by the House of Representatives, but boldly declared that his conduct was proper, lawful, and right. He elected to present an affirmative defence, and to rely upon the strength of his own cause; and the Court sustained him. The vote stood—"guilty," 21; "not guilty," 22. (Ibd. 474.)

THE CASE OF JUDGE WEST.

The next and last case of impeachment by the House of Representatives was that of WEST H. HUMPHRIES, Judge of the United States District Court for the several districts of the State of Tennessee, in 1862. Seven articles were prepared against HUMPHRIES. Each of them charged him, in direct or indirect terms, with the crime of treason, for they all occurred after the secession of South Carolina and the assembling of armed men to enforce and render successful the treasonable position assumed by that State. The South Carolina Convention passed the ordinance of secession on the 17th day of December, 1860. The first criminal act laid to the charge of HUMPHRIES was alleged to have transpired on the 29th day of December, 1860, at which time he urged the people of Tennessee to secede, and thus made himself a party to the treason which had already levied war against the United States in South Carolina. The third article charged him with having, in conjunction with others, organized armed rebellion and levied war against the United States; and all of the other articles charged treasonable acts upon him. (*Cong. Globe*, vol. 43, p. 2,277.) HUMPHRIES was convicted, as it was right he should be. He was charged with a crime against the known law of the land. He was a traitor against the Government of the United States.

Five cases only of impeachment have been presented to the Senate by the House of Representatives; one of them, as has been shown, was disposed of on a plea to the jurisdiction of the Court; two resulted in the acquittal of the accused and two in conviction.

[NOTE.—Here follows a discussion of the English Law of Treason, with a summary of celebrated cases, which want of space compels us to omit this morning.—ED.]

In the case of the United States *vs.* Hudson and Goodwin (7 Cranch, 32) it was held that "the legislative authority must first make an act a crime, affix a punishment to it, and declare the Court that shall have jurisdiction of the offence," before the Courts of the United States can exercise jurisdiction over it. This doctrine was affirmed by the case of the United States *vs.* Crohdge et al., (1 Wheaton, 415;) and Chief-Justice MARSHALL, in delivering the opinion of the Court in *ex-parte* Ballmon and Swartwout, (4 Cranch, 95,) said: "Courts which originate on the common law possess a jurisdiction which must be regulated by the common law until some statute shall change their established principles; but Courts which are created by written law, and whose jurisdiction is defined by written law, cannot transcend that jurisdiction," and it was in following these cases that Justice MCLEAN held in United States *vs.* Lancaster, (2 McLean's R., 433,) that "the Federal Government has no jurisdiction of affairs at common law. Even in civil cases the Federal Government follows the rule of common law as adopted by the States respectively. It can exercise no criminal jurisdiction which is not given by statute, nor punish any act criminally, except as the statute provides." The same doctrine is followed in 1 Wash. C. C. R., 84; 2 Brock, 96; 1 Wood, 6, and Minot, 401; 3 Howard, 103; 12 Peters, 654; 4 Dallas, 10 and note; 1 Kent's Com., 354; Sedgwick on Statutory and Constitutional Law, 17, and WHEATON, in reviewing this question says: "However this may be on the merits, the line of recent decisions puts it beyond doubt that the Federal Courts will not take jurisdiction over any crimes which have not been placed directly under their control by act of Congress." (Am. Criminal Law, 174.) Are these authorities founded in reason? If they are, why should they not be followed by the High Court of Impeachment as well as other Courts of the United States? The principle on which they proceed is, that nothing is a crime against the United States which has not been so declared to be by the sovereignty of the Republic; that only the laws of the United States can be enforced in the Courts of the United States; that the United States do what other civilized and Christian Governments do—enforce their own laws—for such only are rules of conduct prescribed for their own citizens. This seems to be reasonable, and if it is so, it would be difficult to find an excuse or form a pretext for not applying it to the tribunal intrusted with the jurisdiction to try cases of impeachment.

But it is claimed that the High Court of Impeachment is exempt from this jurisdictional limitation by the terms of the Constitution itself—that the Constitution establishes the Court, confers its jurisdiction, and includes within it common-law crimes, inasmuch as it says: "The President, Vice-President, and all civil officers of the United States, shall be removed from office on impeachment for, and conviction of, treason, bribery or other high crim

grew during the administration of Mr. LINCOLN and the administration of Mr. JOHNSON, and it was modified from time to time by the circumstances as they occurred; the first act of reorganization, as I have mentioned, was in the case of Tennessee; I think I am the author of that; I think, so far as I know, that plan of reconstruction was pursued, at least until the time I was taken sick and went to my bed, in the month of April, 1865; when I came out of the sick room, the first day I went to the Cabinet, I think the draught of the President's proclamation, or a plan of proclamation, was submitted to me; I found that it substantially accorded with what I had understood to be my own plan, and I accepted it as being the same.

Q.—Do you refer to the proclamation now in the case of North Carolina? A.—I refer now to the general proclamation of amnesty and reconstruction of Mr. JOHNSON. How far it differed from other plans submitted I do not remember. When this question came up before the President and in Cabinet, it was discussed and adopted during my sickness, and was understood and stated, I believe, as one which harmonized with what had previously been done, but modified by the circumstance of the close of the war, and other things.

Q. Was there not this difference, that Mr. LINCOLN's plan was adopted during the war as a war measure, while Mr. JOHNSON's plan was adopted after the war had ceased? A. There was a difference both of time and circumstance.

Q. I find the proclamation for the organization of a Provisional Government of North Carolina was dated May 29, 1865; was that proclamation considered in Cabinet before it was published?

A.—That and the other proclamation referred to were all subjects of the most deliberate discussion and very careful deliberation before any one was issued. I think that when the proclamation was reduced definitely to the form which it now has it was submitted to the whole Cabinet, but I cannot certainly say as to the fact that it was. My recollection is that all the provisions contained in it were carefully considered by the President in Cabinet. I am not able to state, however, positively about that. I see, by looking at the date, that at that time I had only partially recovered, and I was unable to be in Cabinet in all its meetings. I remember, when I arose from my sickness, that I took the paper then presented to me, and made some suggestions to it in the way of amendment, which were accepted.

The following will be found in the testimony of Gen. U. S. GRANT:

Q.—Do you recollect the proclamation that is called the "North Carolina Proclamation?" A.—Yes, Sir, that was the first one published giving a State Government.

Q.—Did you have any conversation with the President as to the terms or purport of that proclamation? A.—I was, as I say, present when it was ready; it was in the direction that I wanted; I was anxious to see something done to give some sort of temporary government there; I did not want to see anarchy.

Q.—Did you give any opinion in favor of that proposition? A.—I did not give any opinion against it; I was in favor of that or anything else which looked to civil government until Congress could meet and establish Governments there; I did not want all chaos left there, and no form of civil government whatever; I was not in favor of anything or opposed to anything particularly; I was simply in favor of having a Government there; that was all I wanted; I did not pretend to give my judgment as to what it should be; I was perfectly willing to leave that to the civil department; I thought that I should do my own duties; I was willing to take all the responsibilities, and I did not want to give my views as to what the civil branch of the Government should do."

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Q.—I understand you to say that you were very anxious, at the close of the war, that civil Governments should be established in some form as speedily as possible, and that you so advised the President? A.—I so stated frequently in his presence.

Q.—But that you advised no particular form or mode of proceeding? A.—I did not.

Q.—Were you present when this North Carolina proclamation was read in the Cabinet? A.—I would not be certain, but my recollection is that the first time I heard it read was in the presence only of the President, the Secretary of War, and myself.

Q.—Did you give your assent to that plan? A.—I did not dissent from it; that is just in accordance with what I have stated; it was a civil matter, and, although I was anxious to have something done, I did not intend to dictate any plan; I do not think I said anything about it, or expressed any opinion about it at that time; I looked upon it simply as a temporary measure, to establish a sort of government, until Congress should meet and settle the whole question, and that it did not make much difference how it was done, so there was a form of government there.

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Q.—I wish to know whether at or about the time of the war being ended, you advised the President that it was, in your judgment, best to extend a liberal policy toward the people of the South, and to restore as speedily as possible the friendly relations which existed prior to the war between the two sections? A.—I know that immediately after the close of the rebellion there was a very fine feeling manifested in the South, and I thought we ought to take advantage of it as soon as possible; but since that there has been an evident change there. I may have expressed my views to the President.

Q.—What is your recollection in reference to that? A.—I may have done so, and it is probable that I did; I do not recollect particularly; I know that I conversed with the President very frequently; I do not suppose that there were any persons engaged in that consultation who thought of what was being done at that time as being lasting—any longer than until Congress would meet and either ratify that or establish some other form of government; I know it never crossed my mind that what was being done was anything more than temporary."

This testimony presents the beginning of the reconstruction policy, so-called, of President JOHNSON, and interweaves, to some extent, with the preceding Administration.

It does not appear in any part of the testimony that the President or his advisers claimed exclusive jurisdiction in the matter of the reorganization of the rebel States. On the contrary, it does appear that no such claim was asserted. Gen. GRANT says that he was in favor of anything which looked to civil Government until Congress could meet and establish civil Governments there." On the same point the following question and answer disclose the opinion of Mr. STANTON:

Q.—You have expressed an opinion as to the power to issue proclamations for reorganization. Do you mean by the opinion you have expressed to include any opinion as to the final legality of the organizations to be accomplished under such plan of reorganization; in other words, whether that reorganization would be final and conclusive, and that Congress would have no power to alter and control it?

A.—My opinion upon that point is only the opinion of an individual citizen. My opinion is, that the whole subject of reconstruction, and the relation of a State to the Federal Government, is subject to the controlling power of Congress; and while I believe that the President and his Cabinet were not violating any law, but were faithfully performing their duty in endeavoring to organize Provisional Governments in those States, I supposed then, and still suppose, that the final validity of such organizations would rest with the law-making power of the Government. That, however, as I said, is but the opinion of an individual."

And it will be remembered that the Secretary of State, acting for the President on the 24th day of July, 1865, sent a telegram to the Provisional Governor of Mississippi, in these words, viz:

W. L. Sharkey, Provisional Governor of Mississippi, Jackson:

Your telegram of the 21st has been received. The President sees no reason to interfere with Gen. SLOCUM's proceedings. The Government of the State will be provisional only *until the civil authorities shall be restored, with the approval of Congress.* Meanwhile military authority cannot be withdrawn.

WILLIAM H. SEWARD.

In still more emphatic terms the Secretary of State addressed a letter to the Provisional-Governor of Florida, as follows, viz.:

DEPARTMENT OF STATE,
WASHINGTON, Sept. 12, 1865.

SIR: Your Excellency's letter of the 29th ult., with the accompanying proclamation, has been received and submitted to the President. The steps to which it refers toward reorganizing the government of Florida, seem to be in the main judicious, and good results from them may be hoped for. The presumption to which the proclamation refers, however, in favor of insurgents who may wish to vote, and who may have applied for, but not received, their pardons, is not entirely approved. All applications for pardons will be duly considered, and will be disposed of as soon as may be practicable. It must, however, be distinctly understood that the resolution to which your proclamation refers will be subject to the decision of Congress.

I have the honor to be,
Your Excellency's obedient servant,
WILLIAM H. SEWARD.

His Excellency WILLIAM MARVIN, Provisional Governor State of Florida.

These several proofs show pretty conclusively that Gen. GRANT was not mistaken when he testified:

"I do not suppose that there were any persons engaged in that consultation [with reference to reconstruction] who thought of what was being done at that time as being lasting—any longer than until Congress would meet and either ratify or establish some other form of government."

The testimony before the Committee unquestionably proves that it was the original purpose of the President to act in conjunction with Congress with reference to the reconstruction of the rebel States; and had this purpose continued, there would have been no serious conflict between the Executive and legislative departments of the Government over the restoration of those States to their proper positions in the Union. In that case the assumption by the President of a challenged power would not have been asserted as a crime by those who now arraign him as a criminal. The Executive Department of the Government was called upon to deal with a new question under circumstances of great embarrassment, and in the midst of most troublous times. The nation was just emerging from a most terrible, and, on the part of the rebels, a most unjustifiable war, during which it had given but little attention to modes of reconstruction, and that little had been marked by a confusion of ideas and theories most discordant. No well-rounded issue had been made up between the two departments of the Government; nor would such a result have been arrived at had not a seeming change of purpose on the part of the President crystalized an issue and brought on a conflict.

The first official notice which Congress received of the President's change of purpose was contained in his first annual message delivered to the two Houses, Dec. 4, 1865. In that document, after stating what he had done in the matter of reorganizing civil governments in the rebel States, he proceeded to say:

"The amendment to the Constitution being adopted, it would remain for the States whose powers have been so long in abeyance to resume their places in the two branches of the National Legislature, and thereby complete the work of restoration. Here it is for you, fellow-citizens of the Senate, and for you, fellow-citizens of the House of Representatives, to judge, each of you for yourselves, of the elections, returns and qualifications of your own members."

This, with other official and unofficial indications of the President's purpose, led to the creation of the Joint Committee on Reconstruction, which was effected by concurrent resolution of Dec. 13, 1865, by the terms of which the Committee was directed to inquire in the States which formed the so-called Confederate States of America, and to report whether they or any of them are entitled to be represented in either House of Congress." Everything relative to those States coming before either House was turned over to this Committee, and weeks and months were devoted to a most searching inquiry into their condition and what had been done toward their reconstruction by the President. During this time the breach became wider, and the conflict waxed warmer between the Executive and Legislative Departments of the Government. On the 19th day of February, 1866, the President returned to the Senate with his objections, the bill to amend "an act to establish a bureau for the relief of freedmen and refugees, and for other purposes." In the message assigning his reasons for the return of the bill, the President said:

"The bill under consideration refers to certain of the States as though they had not been fully restored in all their constitutional relations to the United States. If they have not, let us at once act together to secure that desirable end at the earliest possible moment. It is hardly necessary for me to inform Congress that in my own judgment, most of those States, so far at least as depends upon their own action, have already fully restored, and are to be deemed as entitled to enjoy their constitutional rights as members of the Union."

On the 20th day of February, the House responded to this part of the message by passing by a vote of yeas 109, nays 40, the following resolution:

"*Resolved by the House of Representatives*, (the Senate concurring,) That in order to close agitation upon a subject which seems likely to disturb the action of the Government, as well as to quiet the uncertainty which is agitating the minds of the people of the eleven States which have been declared to be in insurrection, no Senator or Representative shall be admitted into either branch of Congress from any of said States until Congress shall have declared such State entitled to such representation."

Following quickly upon this came the President's celebrated and notorious speech of the 22d of February, which rendered irreparable the breach between him and Congress, if such had not before been its character, and ten days thereafter, (March 2,) the Senate passed the foregoing resolution of the House of Representatives by a vote of yeas 29, nays 18.

The next prominent act of the President which added fuel to the flame that divided the two departments of the Government, was his veto to the "Bill to protect all persons in the United States in their civil rights, and to furnish the means of their vindication," popularly known as the "Civil Rights Bill." This occurred on the 27th of March, 1866. If anything was needed to render complete the rupture between the two departments of the Government, the message which announced this veto supplied it.

During the time covered by these several acts, the Joint Committee on Reconstruction was diligently occupied in the discharge of its duties. It passed carefully over the entire field committed to its charge. The condition of every rebel State was examined. The devious ways of the President's policy were explored. Nothing escaped its vigilance and scrutiny. On the 18th day of June, 1866, the Committee presented its report to the two Houses of Congress. The report was signed by W. P. Fessenden, James W. Grimes, Ira Harris, J. M. Howard, George H. Williams, Thaddeus Stevens, Elihu B. Washburn, Justin S. Morrill, John A. Bingham, Roscoe Conkling, George S. Boutwell, Henry T. Blow—twelve able, careful, earnest men. This report summed up the whole case involved in the President's efforts at reconstruction, and the consequent conflict between him and Congress. It did not charge him with criminal conduct, nor fail to consider the "peculiar circumstances" under which he acted. On the contrary, in speaking of the authority of the people to frame a form of government, the report said: "Doubtless, this authority ought to be exercised by Congress, but under the peculiar circumstances your Committee is not disposed to criticise the President's action in assuming the power exercised by him in this regard;" and near the close of the report this passage may be found:

"While your Committee do not for a moment impute to the President any such design, (to destroy the constitutional form of government, and to absorb its power in the Executive,) but cheerfully concede to him the most patriotic motives, they cannot but look with alarm upon a precedent so fraught with danger to the Republic."

The remedy proposed by that Committee was not an impeachment of the President, but an amendment to the Constitution of the United States, as follows, to wit:

"*Resolved, by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America, in Congress assembled* (two-thirds of both Houses concurring,) That the following article be proposed to the Legislatures of the several States as an amendment to the Constitution of the United States, which, when ratified by three-fourths of said Legislatures, shall be valid as part of the Constitution, namely:

ARTICLE 14.

SECTION 1. All persons born or naturalized in the United States, and subject to the jurisdiction thereof, are citizens of the United States and of the State wherein they reside. No State shall make or enforce any law which shall abridge the privileges or immunities of citizens of the United States, nor shall any State deprive any person of life, liberty or property without due process of law, nor deny to any within its jurisdiction the equal protection of its laws.

SEC. 2. Representatives shall be apportioned among the several States according to their respective numbers, counting the whole number of persons in each State, excluding Indians not taxed. But when the right to vote at any election for the choice of electors for President and Vice-President of the United States, or Representatives in Congress, the executive and judicial officers of a State, or the members of the Legislature thereof, is denied to any of the male inhabitants of such State, being twenty-one years of age, and citizens of the United States, or in any way abridged except for participation in rebellion therein shall be reduced in the proportion which the number of such male citizens shall bear to the whole number of male citizens twenty-one years of age in such State.

SEC. 3. No person shall be a Senator or Representative in Congress, or Elector of President and Vice-President, or hold any office, civil or military under the United States, or under any State, who, having previously taken an oath as a member of Congress, or as an officer of the United States, or as a member of any State Legislature, or as an executive or judicial officer of any State, to support the Constitution of the United States, shall have engaged in insurrection or rebellion against the same, or given aid or comfort to the enemies thereof. But the Congress may, by a vote of two-thirds of each House, remove such disability.

SEC. 4. The validity of the public debt of the United States, authorized by law, including debts incurred for payment of pensions and bounties for services in suppressing insurrection or rebellion, shall not be questioned. But neither the United States nor any State shall assume or pay any debt or obligation incurred in aid of insurrection or rebellion against the United States, or any claim for the loss or emancipation of any slave, but all such debts, obligations and claims shall be held illegal and void.

SEC. 5. The Congress shall have power to enforce, by appropriate legislation, the provisions of this article."

This amendment as passed was a modification of the one originally reported by the Committee, and embraced the provisions of the one first reported, and adjusted more satisfactorily to the views of its friends, the disqualifications contained in "a bill declaring certain persons ineligible to office under the Government of the United States," which was reported by the Committee as a part of the plan of reconstruction.

The amendment passed the Senate on the 8th day of June, 1866, by yeas 33, nays 11, and was adopted by the House on the 13th day of June—yeas 138, nays 36.

To make the plan complete, the Committee also reported "A bill to Provide for Restoring the States lately in insurrection to their full Political Rights," in these words, namely:

Whereas, It is expedient that the States lately in insurrection should, at the earliest day consistent with the future peace and safety of the Union, be restored to full participation in all political rights; and

Whereas, the Congress did, by joint resolution, propose for ratification to the Legislatures of the several States, as an amendment to the Constitution of the United States, an article in the following words, to wit:

The article is above quoted.

Now, therefore, be it enacted, &c., that whenever the above recited amendment shall have become part of the Constitution of the United States, and any State lately in insurrection shall have ratified the same, and shall have modified its Constitution and laws in conformity therewith, the Senators and Representatives from such State, if found duly elected and qualified, may, after having taken the required oaths of office, be admitted into Congress as such.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That when any State lately in insurrection shall have ratified the foregoing amendment to the Constitution, any part of the direct tax under the act of Aug. 5, 1861, which may remain due and unpaid in such State may be assumed and paid by such State; and the payment thereof, upon proper assurances from such State, to be given to the Secretary of the Treasury of the United States, may be postponed for a period not exceeding ten years from and after the passage of this act."

The bill was never finally acted on; but it is well known that a compliance, in good faith, on the part of the insurrectionary States with this plan of reconstruction would have secured their restoration to the Union. There would have been objections from some members in each House of Congress, but the general feeling was as stated.

In view of the grave character of the case with which the Committee has been charged, it seems important that one feature of this plan should not be overlooked, namely, that it proposed to use the identical Governments which were organized in the insurrectionary States, in pursuance of the President's "policy," as a means to insure its own success. Nor has Congress, down to the present time, destroyed or set aside such Governments. The Act of March 2, 1867, "to provide for the more efficient government of the rebel States," contains the following section:

"SEC. 6. *And be it further enacted*, That, until the people of said rebel States, shall be by law admitted to representation in the Congress of the United States any civil governments which may exist therein shall be deemed provisional only, and in all respects subject to the paramount authority of the United States at any time to abolish, modify, control or supersede the same; and in all elections to any office under such Provisional Governments all persons shall be entitled to vote, and none others, who are entitled to vote under the fifth section of this act; and no person shall be eligible to any office under any such Provisional Governments who would be disqualified from holding office under the provisions of the third section of said Constitutional Amendment." (Statutes 39th Congress, 429.)

The affairs of those States are now administered through the machinery of the provisional governments, under the supervision of the military authorities of the United States. And here it may be well to consider, however wrong or unlawful the acts of the President in the creation of those governments may be regarded, whether without regard to the questions of law herein before discussed, he can be held criminally responsible in the presence of their permissive existence by Congress, and the use to which it has put the results of his improper and illegal acts?

Looking over the entire field of Presidential and Congressional action affecting the reconstruction branch of this case, and in consideration of the peculiar circumstances which have surrounded it, the multitude of opinions which obstructed the formation of a definite legislative judgment; the necessities of the recent past, which impressed public officers to some action, and the present condition of the country, it seems to the Committee, that the issues involved are more properly triable before the grand tribunal of the people at the ballot-box, where they have so long been pending, than in the presence of the High Court of Impeachment.

The reconstruction policy of the President cannot succeed, except through an approval by Congress. Such an approval would destroy every element of crime involved in it; for it would then be the act of the Government of the United States. If it do not receive the sanction of Congress it cannot present a perfected crime. The present Congress will continue until the close of the President's term of office. It will not approve his plan—success in his alleged crime is thus rendered impossible.

We do not deem it necessary to enter upon an examination of the details involved in the President's action relative to the subject of reconstruction. These are but, severally, parts of a general system, and are as well understood by the House and the country as by your Committee. Each part was necessary to constitute the whole. If this greater be not a crime, the less cannot rise to that importance.

The second charge is: That the President has corruptly used the appointing power.

Relative to this charge a large amount of testimony has been taken by your Committee, and it discloses pretty conclusively that, for a long time at least, the President and some members of his Cabinet used this power with considerable vigor in behalf of those applicants for office who favored the policy of the Administration; and it cannot be doubted from the disclosures of the testimony that this power was used for the purpose of strengthening the Administration in its contest with Congress.

Executive document No. 96, communicated to the House of Representatives Feb. 20, 1867, discloses the fact that there were 1,644 postmasters removed between the 28th day of July, 1866, and the 6th day of December, 1866," and that "of this number 1,283 were removed for *political reasons*." The Postmaster-General (Hon. A. M. RANDALL) was examined in reference to these removals, and gave the following testimony, viz.:

"Q.—In your answer to the House resolution calling for information in regard to appointments to office you designated as causes in a great many cases, 1,300 or 1,400 in all, 'political reasons.' The term is a very vague one, and I will be obliged to you to state more distinctly what you mean by it. A.—There were about 1,300 or 1,400 in all, and part of them were for political reasons.

Q.—Referring to your printed answer, I find that you state the whole number of removals to be 1,604, and that of these 1,283 were for 'political reasons;' and you state afterward that eight were for 'political reasons' neglect of duty,' implying, I suppose, something more than mere neglect of duty? A.—In those cases there were charges against the individuals as well as political reasons; perhaps inattention to duty; I don't remember the particulars in these cases; I suppose the statement which you have read is a correct statement; I will answer that 'political reasons' embrace a good many things; removals for that cause have been frequent in almost every Administration; when we began we turned out men because they did not vote for Lincoln; that was a political reason, and it was so stated; if men voted the Democratic ticket or were opposed to the policy of Mr. Lincoln, they were removed for that cause—it was designated 'political reasons.'

Q.—I am speaking now of the removals made by the President in office, and the removals to which you refer in this answer. A.—I was proceeding to state that opposition to the policy of the present administration, which is understood to be the policy of Mr. Lincoln, was the reason for which many of them were removed; it was opposition to Mr. Lincoln's policy, which Mr. Johnson was trying to carry out, and the general term "political reasons" was used, that is the general term used to cover a great variety of circumstances; a man may have been very abusive of Mr. Johnson, denouncing him on the street as a traitor, and would be turned out of office, and it would be stated 'for political reasons;' if he was abusive of the Postmaster-General, denouncing him in the same way, we would turn him out and assign the reason for it as 'political.'

Q.—I wish you would state, in the cases referred to in your answer, whether 'political reasons' were not difference of opinion with the Executive in regard to his policy in the reconstruction of the Southern States? A.—Not altogether; these questions entered into it; it went both ways; for instance, Republican members of Congress would come into the department and complain of a man as having been opposed to the war, as denouncing Lincoln and Johnson, and wanted me to turn him out; I would turn him out and assign as cause 'political reasons;" on the other hand, complaint would come that a man was abusing Mr. Johnson, calling him a traitor for carrying out his policy in opposition to Congress; he would be turned out, and the cause assigned "political reasons;" without my attention being called to particular cases, I can only state the meaning of the term in this general way, and I have simply intended to give you a general idea.

Q.—I wish you would state whether, in a majority of cases, the removals were not made simply from the fact that the persons harmonized in sentiment with Congress in the matter of reconstruction? A.—In a great many cases it was so, but I cannot say in a majority. I could not from memory undertake to say with accuracy what proportion.

This is substantially an avowal that opposition to the policy of the Administration was deemed a sufficient cause for the removal of a public officer. The testimony of JAMES M. SCOVIL (pages 619 to 633) shows that this was the case, and that no person who refused to support such policy would be appointed to office, and that he received this information, at least in an inferential way, from both the President and his private secretary, Mr. EDWARD COOPER.

In view of all of the testimony taken with reference to this branch of the case, we can but conclude that it was the purpose of the President to use the appointing power in such manner as to favor those who approved of the policy of the Administration, and would accord to it their support, and that this purpose related to all of the Executive departments, in which many removals and appointments were made in pursuance of it.

Was this purpose and its consequent use of the appointing power, a change from the practice and action of former Administrations? An affirmative answer to this question would go far toward establishing a charge of corruption in the exercise of this power. What has been the practice of former administrations? Does any one doubt that Whigs were formerly turned out of office by Democratic Presidents, because they were Whigs, and for no other reason? and that in the mutations of parties Democrats shared the same fate for a like reason? Did not the Republican Party continue the practice? and is it not now first discovered to be a crime? We will not affirm that this practice is not wrong, nor can we say that there is a member of either branch of Congress, who has not, at some time, asked for its application. If "honest, faithful and capable" officers could continue to discharge their public duties regardless of the successes and defeats of parties, the Government and the people doubtless would profit thereby. But it is a well-established historical fact, that for half a century each succeeding Administration has practiced, to a greater or less extent, the doctrine that "to the victors belong the spoils." The appointing power was left without regulation or restraint by law, until the 2d day of March, 1867, when Congress passed "an act regulating the tenure of certain civil offices." (Acts Thirty-ninth Congress, 430.) We are not apprised of any infraction of this statute by any testimony before us.

Since 1836, in all cases wherein Deputy Postmasters have been appointed and confirmed by the Senate, a commission in the following form has been issued:

"*President of the United States of America—To all who shall see these presents, greeting:*

Know ye that, reposing special trust and confidence in the integrity, ability and punctuality of ——, I have nominated, and, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate, do appoint —— Deputy Postmaster ——, and do authorize and empower him to execute and fulfill the duties of that office according to law, and to have and to hold the said office, with all the powers, privileges and emoluments to the same of right appertaining unto him, the said ——, for the term of ——, subject to the conditions prescribed by law.

In testimony whereof, I have caused these letters to be made patent and the seal of the United States to be hereunto affixed.

Given under my hand, at the City of Washington, the —— day of ——, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and ——, and of the Independence of the United States of America the ——.

By the President:

—— ——, Secretary of State.

This form reserves and asserts the right and power of the President to revoke and determine the commission at any time, and at his pleasure, to create a vacancy by removal.

In all cases since 1837, "when such officers have been appointed during a recess of the Senate," the following form of commission has been used, viz:

President of the United States of America—To all who shall see these presents, greeting:

Know ye, that, reposing special trust and confidence in the integrity, ability and punctuality of ——, I do appoint —— Deputy Postmaster —— and do authorize and empower him to execute and fulfil the duties of that office according to law, and to have and hold the said office, with all the powers, privileges and emoluments to the same of right appertaining unto him, the said —— during the pleasure of the President of the United States for the time being, and until the end of the next session of the Senate of the United States and no longer.

In testimony whereof, I have caused these letters to be made patent and the seal of the United States to be hereunto affixed.

Given under my hand, at the City of Washington, the —— day of ——, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and ——, and of the Independence of the United States of America the ——.

By the President:

—— ——, Secretary of State.

These forms represent the practice of the Executive Department of the Government for very many years. They disclose a usage of the Government, and it is an established principle of law affirmed by the Supreme Court, that

"Usages have been established in every department of the Government, which have become a kind of common law, and regulate the rights and duties of those who act within their respective limits. And no change of such usages can have a retrospective effect, but must be limited to the future. Usage cannot alter the law, but it is evidence of construction given to it; and must be considered binding on past transactions." (7 Peters, 14.)

The act of March 2, 1867, pronounced against this usage and declared a rule by which the appointing power should be guided. The executive department of the Government has conformed its action to that rule, and has changed the forms of its Commissions accordingly. Since the passage of that act, in all cases of suspension from office Commissions in the following form have been issued, to wit:

President of the United States of America—To all who shall see these presents, greeting:

Know ye that, reposing special trust and confidence in the integrity and ability of ——, I do designate him to perform the duties of the office of Deputy Postmaster at ——, in the State of ——, and do authorize and empower him to execute and fulfill the duties of that office according to law, and to have and hold all the powers, privileges and emoluments to the same of right appertaining into him, the said ——, until the next meeting of the Senate of the United States, and until the case of ——, who has been suspended by the President from the performance of the duties of said office, shall be acted upon by the Senate, and no longer, unless the commission shall be sooner revoked, subject to the condition prescribed by law.

In testimony whereof I have caused these letters to be made patent, and the seal of the

[L. S.] United States to be hereunto affixed.

Given under my hand, at the City of Washington, the —— day of ——, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and ——, and of the Independence of the United States of America the ——.

By the President:

Secretary of State.

In all "cases of vacancies by death or resignation," the following form of commissions has been used, namely:

President of the United States of America. To all who shall see these presents, greeting:

Know ye, that reposing special trust and confidence in the integrity, ability and punctuality of ——, I do appoint him Deputy Postmaster at ——, in the State of ——, and do authorize and empower him to execute and fulfil the duties of that office according to law; and to have and to hold the said office, with all the powers, privileges and emoluments to the same of right appertaining unto him, the said ——, until the end of the next session of the United States Congress, and no longer, subject to the conditions prescribed by law.

In testimony whereof I have caused these letters to be made patent, and the seal of the United States to be hereunto affixed.

Given under my hand at the City of Washington, the —— day of ——, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and ——, and of the Independence of the United States of America the ——.

By the President:

——, Secretary of State.

When officers have been confirmed by the Senate upon the nomination of the President, commissions have been issued in form as follows, namely:

"*President of the United States of America—To all who shall see these presents, greeting:*

Know ye that, reposing special trust and confidence in the integrity, ability and punctuality of ——, I have nominated, and, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate, do appoint —— Deputy Postmaster, —— and do authorise and empower him to execute and fulfill the duties of that office, with all the powers, privileges and emoluments, to the same of right appertaining unto him, the said ——, for the term of ——, subject to the conditions prescribed by law.

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Give under my hand, at the City of Washington, the —— day of ——, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and ——, and of the Independence of the United States of America the ——.

By the President:

——, Secretary of State."

If any departure from this system has transpired, the testimony before us does not disclose it.

Complaint has been made that the President, for the purpose of more effectively using the appointing power to the advancement of his own ends, has corruptly endeavored to evade the provisions of the Constitution defining and regulating the appointing power, by neglecting or refusing to send to the Senate on a number of cases nominations to fill vacancies which happened "during the recess of the Senate." The evidence does not support this charge. The testimony of Hon. HUGH MCCULLOCH, (seventy-one to seventy-eight inclusive,) of GEO. PARNELL, J. L. M. HUNTINGTON, and C. E. CRECEY (79 to 84 inclusive,) of Hon. A. M. RANDALL (333 to 345 inclusive,) of H. E. CHANDLER, Esq., (472 to 489) ROBERT JOHNSON (495,) and of M. G. MOORE (542, 543,) explain the circumstances involved in this complaint, and rebut the presumption sought to be raised of a corrupt or criminal intent on the part of the President relative to the absence of nominations to fill said vacancies.

The appointment to office of persons who could not take the oath of office prescribed by the Act of July 2, 1862, may be properly considered under this charge. Some sixty appointments of this character were made, and the state of facts disclosed by the testimony concerning them will be briefly stated. The following extracts are made from the testimony of Hon. HUGH MCCULLOCH, viz.:

"Q.—Have any persons been appointed to office in the Southern States since the close of the rebellion, and been allowed to enter on the duties of their offices, without taking what is commonly called the test oath? A.—A number of persons have been appointed to office in the Southern States who were unable to take the test oath of 1862.

Q.—State to the Committee, without further interrogation, the circumstances of their appointment, &c. A.—In reply to a resolution of the Senate, dated Dec. 13, 1865, calling for information on the subject, I addressed to the Senate a reply, which is to be found in Executive document No. 8, 39th Congress, first session; as I stated the facts as they occurred concisely at the time, I would like to make that reply part of my testimony in this case."

In the document referred to a statement is given explanatory of these appointments, and from it we quote as follows:

"Upon the surrender of the Confederate armies, it was regarded by the President and his Cabinet as a matter of great importance that revenue offices should be established in the Southern States, in order that commerce and trade might be resumed, and the authority of the Government in one of its most important branches should be again recognized in all parts of the Union with as little delay as practicable. It was also regarded as a matter of scarcely less importance that citizens of the respective States in which offices were located, and not strangers, should be appointed revenue officers. In carrying into effect these views it became necessary to call into requisition the services of some Southern men who had participated in the rebellion. None, however, have been appointed to office, or permitted to hold office under the law for the collection of the revenues, who are known to have instigated the rebellion, or who could properly be considered as justly responsible for it. It has been my purpose to recommend the appointment, and to sanction the appointment, of such only as could take the oath literally; and failing to be able to find such persons, to confine the appointment to those who gave no aid to the rebellion until the Government of the United States had failed to give them the protection to which they were entitled; and there was no government but rebel government (State and Confederate) to which they could look for safety or support in the perilous circumstances in which, without any previous action of their own, they had been forced. It is believed that very few persons not belonging to one or the other of these classes are holding positions under this Department."

Q.—Were those appointments made by the President? A.—The principal appointments are Presidential appointments; they were made by the President on the recommendation of the Secretary of the Treasury; I desire to state that this was considered a matter of so grave importance that before any action was taken upon the subject of filling revenue offices at the South, it was a matter of Cabinet consultation, and after a full and careful deliberation, it was agreed—as I recollect, unanimously—that as it was important for the Government that we should establish our revenue offices without delay, the Secretary of the Treasury would be justifiable in doing the best he could in regard to appointments, under the peculiar circumstances of the country. * * * *

Q.—When was this Cabinet meeting held to which you refer? A.—I cannot name the time: it was the subject of conference at one or two meetings; it was pretty soon after the collapse of the rebellion, early in 1865.

Q.—What efforts were made by your department, previous to that decision to which you refer, to ascertain whether men who could take the test oath could be found at the South? A.—We made no other efforts than to inquire of the men whom we met from the South in reference to the best persons in their neighborhoods to hold the respective offices, and to request that in all cases they would name persons, if they could do so, who were competent and could take the oath. That was about the only means we had of ascertaining.

Q.—Can you name any of the persons of whom you made those inquiries as to who the proper men were in their neighborhoods? A.—Some of the persons who were appointed were known to officers of the Department; as a general thing we consulted with the persons who were appointed Provisional Governors; there happened, however to be at the Department about the time we were making the appointments, some gentlemen from the South, and we consulted with them; I cannot now recollect what other means were taken, but I know we availed ourselves of all the means within our power of obtaining reliable information in reference to the standing and qualifications of persons appointed.

Q.—Were not the Provisional Governors to whom you referred, men who generally had been themselves engaged in the rebellion? A.—Some, perhaps the most of them, were.

Q.—And the other persons from the South of whom you asked counsel, were they not also persons who, for the most part had been active in the rebellion? A.—I cannot recollect definitely as to the persons. I suppose most of the persons we consulted had in some manner participated in the rebellion, because nearly all the men who were at the South had, in the progress of the rebellion, to some extent, become aiders and abettors of it.

Q.—Has it not since been found practicable to organize and carry on the revenue system in the South by the aid of men who could take the test oath? A.—We are now collecting the revenues there through the agency of men who have taken the oath. Circumstances have changed very much since the time those persons were appointed. A good many men who were then refugees at the North have returned, and many Northern men have gone into the Southern States; and I think it not unlikely that some may have taken the test oath who were not over scrupulous.

Q.—Are there any officers on duty now in the Southern States who have not taken the test oath? A.—None, that I am aware of.

Q.—When did you first come to the conclusion not to appoint any who could not take the test oath, and to remove those who had been previously appointed who could not take the test oath? A.—On the report that was made to the Senate, no action was taken by Congress, and nothing was done in reference to the matter until some time in March, 1866, when I addressed a communication to the President on the subject. That communication was referred by the President to Congress. Soon after, another communication was addressed—I think in April—in reply to a resolution of the Senate calling for more specific information than had been given, especially, if I recollect rightly, with reference to the subordinate appointments. About that time (I cannot recollect the precise time) it became pretty clear to my mind that no modification of the oath would be made by Congress, and I then felt it to be my duty to the Government and to the officers, to take steps to remove all of those who had not taken the oath, and to fill their places with those who could take it.

Q.—You made an effort, then, to do the best you could under the circumstances? A.—That was our aim—to do the best we could. The establishment of the revenue system was for the benefit of the Government, and not for the benefit of the people of the South; and therefore I felt we might be, perhaps, culpable in pursuing a different course in reference to appointment of officers in the revenue service than would be pursued in reference to the appointment of Postmasters, as the postal service was regarded as being more for the benefit of the South than for the benefit of the Government.

Q.—State the motive which controlled yourself, and, so far as you know, the President, in making the appointments that have been referred to; state, also, the reasons you have for believing that such motive controlled the President? A.—I can only answer for myself; I acted according to the dictates of my best judgment; I thought it was necessary for us to establish the revenue system in the Southern States without delay, and that it was proper for me to use the best men for that purpose that I could find; I had no intention to disregard the law, but only a sincere desire to promote, according to my judgment, the best interests of the service and of the Government; I have no reason to believe that the President or any member of the Cabinet was influenced by any other motives than those that governed me.

Q.—Still were you not aware at the time that such appointments were a violation of the act of Congress? A.—The law was before us; I knew that every man appointed to office was required to take the oath before entering upon the discharge of the duties of his office; the penalty, it seemed to me, was a forfeiture of pay; still I felt that such appointments under ordinary circumstances would be improper and a violation of law; but I thought that the peculiar condition of the country would justify the appointments; I recommended them in good faith, expecting that Congress would take the matter in charge, and so dispose of the appointments or so modify the oath as would relieve the Department of all responsibility in the matter.

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Q.—Can you give any reason why Congress was not informed of that action until the Senate called for information by resolution? A.—I have no other reason to give than this, that the action of the Treasury Department and of the Post-office Department in reference to appointments to Southern offices was, as we understood, known to Congress without any formal communications; I had myself frequent conversations with leading men on the subject; no communication was made to Congress, because I thought it was generally understood that such appointments had been made.

Q.—State, in this connection, to what member of Congress you ever made any such communication. A.—I cannot recollect definitely which whom I conferred. I think I did speak once or twice to Mr. Fessenden on the subject; and, without being able to give names, my impression is that I spoke to perhaps a dozen others, explaining fully the course which had been taken by the Secretary of the Treasury. I wish to say that, after Congress had failed to take action on the report which I made in December, after waiting for some months, I then, in March I addressed a communication to the President on the subject, and that communication was referred to Congress. As soon as I understood that Congress was hardening, as I deemed it, toward the South, and that there would be no modification of the oath, I took the most prompt measures in my power to have all the occupants who had not taken the oath dismissed from or to resign office, and others appointed in their places.

Q.—Have all those men who did not take the oath been paid their salaries? A.—Not a dollar

gument to the Executive why the Colorado Bill should be sent back approved.

Q.—At whose instance did you have this interview? A.—At my own.

Q.—Had the President any knowledge whatever of your intention to bring about this interview? A.—Not the slightest.

Q.—It was, then, solely on your own responsibility? A.—It was.

Q.—Did you inform the President of it? A.—Yes, Sir; I took the gentlemen into the President's room myself.

Q.—That conversation commenced before you took them in to see the President, and was on the same evening of their interview with the President? A.—Yes, Sir.

Q.—Did you go in to see the President before they were introduced? A.—It is very probable I did, though I do not remember it; if I did, it was only to see if he was disengaged and was willing to give them a hearing.

Q.—Were you present at the interview between them and the President? A.—I was not; as soon as they were admitted I retired.

Q.—Did you see them after the interview between them and the President? A.—I think not; if I did it was only casually.

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Q.—Did you suggest to Mr. Evans or Mr. Chaffee, or to either of them, that the approval of the Colorado Bill by the President might depend upon their position relative to the questions you discussed with them? A.—No, Sir; I only desired to know them for the purpose of using them as an argument. The President had at no time predicated his action upon the political position that the Senators would assume or that they held. His objections were of an entirely different character.

Q.—Do you know at what time the message was written? A.—It was not completed until the day it was sent in.

Q.—Do you know whether it had been commenced the day before? A.—I do not. I am satisfied the views and positions assumed in the message had been determined upon by the President days before.

Q.—Do you remember anything being said during the interview between Mr. Evans and Mr. Chaffee and yourself about it being in their power to determine what would be the fate of the bill? A.—I have no idea I told them that. I had no authority to say it was. If I did say it, it was upon my own responsibility. They certainly misunderstood me if they so stated, for I had no authority in the world to do so in the slightest. One of my reasons for favoring the Colorado Bill was, that in its constitution it used the word "white" in regard to electors. It was changing its condition from a territorial State by the decree of its citizens, as I thought, and I believed that Gov. Cummings was doing them injustice.

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Q.—Did you express your own opinion to either Mr. Chaffee or Mr. Evans, as to the probability of the President's singing the bill in case their statements were satisfactory? A.—No, Sir; I had no authority to do so—not the slightest; I only stated that I desired to use it as an argument, and would be glad to have an opportunity of doing so to sustain my own views; my support of the Colorado Bill was entirely independent of Mr. Chaffee or Mr. Evans' views in regard to any question.

The only paper signed by Messrs. EVANS and CHAFFEE is here given:

WASHINGTON, D. C., May 12, 1866.

DEAR SIR: We have seen and heard reports to the effect that "the Colorado Senators have sold out to the Radicals for the sake of getting the bill passed through Congress for the admission of Colorado into the Union." We desire to say to you and all others that this statement is entirely untrue; that we have not agreed or pledged ourselves to support any man or measures; that we are wholly free to vote and act as our judgment directs, and shall do so to the best of our knowledge and ability, and in accordance with the Constitution which we swear to support. We would not consider ourselves worthy of a seat in the United States Senate under any such imputation if true. Very respectfully, your obedient servants,

J. B. CHAFFEE,
JNO. EVANS.

Hon. EDWARD COOPER.

The Colorado Bill was vetoed May 15, 1866. The veto message was not acted on in the Senate. This is substantially the entire case before the Committee relating to a corrupt use of the veto power. If it discloses an impeachable crime we are unable to detect it. The testimony undoubtedly shows that the President had determined to veto the Colorado Bill. Suppose he had offer to change his position, and to approve it in consideration of a promise by the Senators elect to support his administration, to change his position and approve the bill, what then? He was required by the Constitution to approve or disapprove the bill. He had resolved upon the former. Did he change his resolution? No. An offer to change for a consideration if he proposed it, was very improper; but was it a crime? Put it in its worst light, and we are still confronted by the fact that the offer was not accepted, and the act was not done. Has Congress, even, declared that this was wrong? Colorado is not yet a State. Why? Congress did not overrule the veto of the President. Is not this, under the Constitution, an approval of his official act? Let this form the basis of impeachment. Who will assume the responsibility of giving it effect?

The fifth charge is that the President "has corruptly disposed of the public property of the United States."

Under this charge considerable attention was devoted to the disposition of railway property in the rebel States. For a complete statement of this branch of the case, reference is here made to the testimony of Hon. E. M. STANTON, and its accompanying exhibits, commencing on page 186 and closing on page 264.

It does not appear from the testimony that the President gave his personal attention to this subject to any considerable extent, except so far as relates to the railroads in the State of Tennessee. The Secretary of War and the Quartermaster-General seem to have been the principal actors in regard to the disposal of that class of property, so far as the inauguration of a system is concerned. The following statement may be found in Mr. STANTON's testimony, viz.:

"Shortly after the surrender of the rebel armies, the attention of the War Department was directed to the proper disposition to be made of the railroads and railroad stock throughout the rebel States which came into our possession, either by capture or construction. It was the subject of a good deal of consultation and conference between the Secretary of War and the Quartermaster-General. It was the opinion of the Secretary of War that it was wholly impracticable for the Government to keep these railroads under any system, and that it would tend greatly to the advantage of the country to make such disposition as would allow them, as speedily as possible, to become what they were designed—instruments of commerce and trade between the States; and that any terms which would tend to that could be done would be advantageous. This was especially the case in regard to the Western and Southwestern railroads, where it was said there were large amounts of cotton that would be available to remove North, in exchange for supplies to go South, of which it was said they were greatly in want. The first case, I think, in which the matter came up for practical action, was in reference to the Orange and Alexandria Railroad. In the case of this road an arrangement was made by which it was turned over to the Company, the details of which I am not now able to state. An officer in the Quartermaster's Department is engaged in getting the papers together, and they will be furnished. The attention of the Department, some time prior to the 27th of June, was called to the railroads in Tennessee by a correspondence between the Quartermaster-General and Gen. Donaldson, Chief Quartermaster of the Department of the Cumberland, copies of which I hereby present. I have the originals here, which the Committee may examine if they desire. On the 7th of July, the Quartermaster-General submitted to the Secretary of War a report upon the subject, relating to a communication from M. BURNS, President of the Nashville and Northwestern Railroad, which is annexed with the other papers. These views of the Quartermaster-General were concurred in by the Secretary of War generally, and so indorsed on the report on the 11th of July, 1865. At the time of my approval of the report, I did not advert to the observations which had been made by the Quartermaster-General in the close of his report in regard to the act of Congress of the 31st of January, 1862. My construction of the law differs from that which seemed to be entertained by the Quartermaster-General in regard to that subject. I have not regarded that act as having anything to do with roads in Tennessee, or in any of the other States where they were captured by our armies, or were enemy's property acquired by military occupation.

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Q.—In case of the construction of a railroad by the Government, the Government furnishing the material and the labor, what has been the custom of the Department in surrendering such roads to companies claiming them? A.—In all instances, I think, such roads have been surrendered in the same manner as if they had been originally constructed by the companies. That subject was talked of, and was the subject of a good deal of conference between myself and the Quartermaster-General; my own view was that the great object, on the part of the Government, was to get these roads operated; and that to go into an inquiry as to the cost of construction would be impracticable, either as to the actual cost of construction or as to any certain rule of compensation, because many of them were constructed at a much larger expense than companies would construct them; they were constructed under the pressure of war, and for temporary purposes; the object of arriving at the actual cash or money value or equivalent for the roads was not only impracticable, but really of but very little practical interest in comparison with the great end of having the channels of commerce in the rebel States opened and carried on, with a view of getting out their produce, furnishing supplies, and getting commerce into its regular channels; in my own view, that appeared to be the most certain and most speedy system of reconstruction we could adopt, and that it would tend more to establish harmony than any other thing that could be done by the Government; in view of all this, and after the most deliberate consideration we could give to it, it was the opinion of the Quartermaster-General and myself—certainly my own—that it would be impracticable to make any distinction, and, so far as I know, no distinction was made in any part of the country in reference to roads built by the Government and roads that had been constructed by companies before the war commenced.

Q.—Suppose the Government, at its own expense, had constructed seventy miles of railroad in one of the rebel States, and that, at the close of the war, a company should apply to the Executive Department of the Government for a transfer of the road so constructed to it; by what authority or provision of law would the Executive Department be authorized to transfer the road so constructed to the company, making the application? A.—I do not know of any act of Congress that directly, or in terms, would authorize any such transfer; but regarding the construction of the road in time of war simply as a means or instrument of carrying on war, when the war was over I would conceive it to be strictly proper and within the scope of the powers of the General commanding, or especially of the President of the United States, as Commander-in-Chief of the army, to render that instrument as available for peace purposes as possible. And inasmuch as the road would be entirely useless unless it was operated, and it would be for the benefit and interest of the public to have it operated as speedily as possible, I should think it would be in the exercise of a wise discretion, and exercising proper authority, to turn over that road to any company or individual who would operate it; for, in that way, he would be applying the war material to the only available use to which it could be applied.

These ideas were reduced to a system, and a plan was finally adopted involving the following propositions, viz.:

1. Every railroad in charge of the Quartermaster's Department to be turned over, as soon as no longer required, to the applicants seeming to have the best claim to it, and being able to operate it the most efficiently for the transportation of stores and troops.

2. No charge to be made against the railroad for expense of material or operations.

3. All material for permanent way used in the repair and construction of the road, and all damaged material of this class left along its route, to be considered part of the railroad given up with it.

4. No payment or credit to be given the road for occupation or use during the military necessity which compelled the United States to take possession of it; the return of the road with repairs being a full equivalent for its use.

5. All moveable property and rolling stock belonging to the United States, to be sold at auction, after ample notice, to the highest bidder.

6. All rolling stock and material which belonged to the road before the war or before possession by the United States forces, to be given up to the proper agents of the road as soon as no longer required.

7. When there are State Boards of public works able and willing to take roads, the roads to be given up to such Boards, leaving to the State authorities and judicial tribunals the determination of rival claims.

8. Railroads not operated by the Quartermaster's Department not to be interfered with unless under military necessity; but to be left with present possessors, subject only to removal of every official and operative who had not taken the oath of allegiance.

9. The eighth condition not being enforced, a receiver accountable for receipts to the Board of Directors to be appointed.

10. In Virginia no obstacle to be interposed to possession by the Board of Public Works of all the roads not in use by the United States military forces; and those thus used to be turned over to the Board when no longer required. In States holding bonds of the roads, but not having boards of public works, roads to be turned over to the State authorities, or to receiver appointed by the Treasury Department at the instance of the War Department, to take possession of the road and personal property."

This general plan was defaced by order of the President, of Aug. 8, 1865, which related to the "relinquishment of Government control over roads in Tennessee," directing that the roads in said State be surrendered upon the following principles, to-wit:

1. Every company to reorganize and elect a board of directors whose loyalty should be established to Gen. THOMAS' satisfaction.

2. A complete inventory of rolling stock, tools, and other material and property on each road to be made out in triplicate.

3. Separate inventories of rolling stock and other property originally belonging to each road, and that furnished by and belonging to the Government.

4. Bonds satisfactory to the Government for payment, within twelve months from transfer or such other reasonable time as should be agreed upon, of a fair valuation of Government property turned over upon an adequate appraisement—the United States reserving Government dues for carrying mails and other service by each company until payment of obligations from the companies, and the balance of unliquidated indebtedness remaining at the maturity of the debt to be paid by the companies in money.

5. Tabular statements to be made of all expenditures by the Government for repairs to each road, with full statements of receipts from private freights, passage, and other sources, and of the number of persons and amount of freight transported, and the distance in each case. All of said reports or tabular statements to be made in triplicate, one each for the Secretary of War, the military headquarters of the department, and the railroad company.

6. All railroads in Tennessee to be required to pay arrearages of interest due on bonds issued by that State, prior to the date of its pretended secession, to aid in construction of the roads, before declaration or payment of dividends to stockholders.

7. Buildings erected for Government purposes on the line of railroads, and not valuable or useful for business of the companies, not to be a charge against the Companies, and charge not to be made for rebuilding houses, bridges or other structures which were destroyed by the Federal army.

8. Authority given Gen. THOMAS to give to Quartermasters within his division any orders necessary for the carrying out of this plan.

After a conference between the Secretary of War and the Quartermaster-General on Oct. 14, 1865, the benefits of the foregoing plan were extended to all roads within Gen. THOMAS' command; and subsequently, "upon the recommendation of the Quartermaster-General," the same privileges were extended to other roads.

Many million dollars' worth of property passed into the hands of railway corporations under these orders. Was it property, the title to which was vested in the United States? So far as the road beds and other real estate belonging thereto are concerned, this question must be answered in the negative. None of these roads had become the property of the Government either by seizure, condemnation and sale of the roads themselves, or of the shares held by the stockholders. The title was in the companies. The Government was in possession for military purposes. When these purposes had been served the Government relinquished its possession and surrendered the roads. Such is the case which the testimony discloses. Whether this action was wise, prudent or just, are not questions for us to determine. We are dealing with crimes and misdemeanors, and if these do not appear the case fails, no matter what amount of folly and censurable conduct may be disclosed.

Here it may be well to call attention to the action of the Attorney-General, (Mr. SPEED,) relative to the property of corporations. A letter of instruction was directed by him to the United States District-Attorney for Alabama in these words, to wit:

ATTORNEY-GENERAL'S OFFICE,
WASHINGTON, D. C., Oct. 18, 1865.

SIR: A corporation cannot be guilty of treason, or of any of the acts denounced in the Confiscation law of July 17, 1862. You will not, therefore, seize the property of corporations, and release any that may have been seized. Very respectfully, &c.,

JAMES SPEED, Attorney-General.

JAMES Q. SMITH, Esq., United States Attorney, Montgomery, Alabama.

This was a terse and emphatic approval of the position assumed by the Assistant Attorney-General in a communication addressed to the same District-Attorney, on the 22d September, 1865, in which he said:

This office has heretofore been, and is now of the opinion that a proceeding will not be and cannot be sustained in law under that statute to enforce the confiscation of the property of a corporation for any acts done by the directors or agents of the corporation in contravention of the statute. Such acts can only render the directors or agents personally responsible to the law. They cannot render the corporation liable to the penalties of the Confiscation Act. The directors being but attorneys could do no act unless within the scope or their authority, to bind their principals. Were the rule different, the loyal stockholders and creditors of the corporation, including those who may never have been in the rebellious States, would lose their property without having been in any way in fault. If the law were otherwise, the property of every town and city whose other proprietors have applied any part of the corporation funds in aid of the rebellion would be liable to confiscation; and thus loyal citizens as well as rebels might be punished for acts in which they had no personal share or sympathy.

We are not prepared to challenge the correctness of the doctrine here advanced.

It may be claimed that, so far as regards movable property, a different rule applies. What then? In most instances a different one was applied. In many cases the rule was violated to the advantage of the Government, for it was applied even in the cases of corporations. Property of this description was appraised and sold to the companies, absolute property rights were asserted by the Government and sales were made. In such cases, wherein payments were not made at the time of sale, bonds securing the amounts bid were required and executed. There was no law for this, and every such sale was illegal. But every unlawful act is not a crime. Were these things done with intent to violate law and injure the Government, even under the broad doctrine that a civil officer may be impeached for a common law crime, these things must appear. They do not appear in this case.

An effort is made to fix on the Presidents a criminal intent and corrupt motive, by proving the following state of facts: A communication in these words was addressed to the President in the interest of the Nashville and Chattanooga Railroad Company, viz.:

WASHINGTON, April 20, 1866.

SIR: M. BURNS, President of the Nashville and Chattanooga Railroad, at Nashville, Tenn., requested me to say to your Excellency that he is sorely pressed by the officers of the Government to pay in part for the material he purchased for the use of this road from the Quartermaster's Department. He says that he was induced to believe that the Government would not urge the payment of those claims until time could be had to make a settlement for the use of the road upon a basis proposed by him (BURNS) to Quartermaster-Gen. MEIGS, in the presence of Mr. LINCOLN.

Acting upon this belief, he advertised that he was ready to pay the interest on the bonds of the Company in New-York on a certain day, and made all his preparations for it, but in the meantime the above demand was made, accompanied by threats that they would again seize the road.

Now, what is the most urgently desires of you is, that the payment of these claims be delayed to be suspended until the settlement can be had, or to give him time to make the road earn the money. The road is doing well, and all that the Company want is time. The amount now on deposit to meet interest on bonds would pay the amount now due the Government.

You see how ruinous it would be to him, to the credit of the company and the credit of the State, if he is forced to comply with this demand.

Very respectfully,
JNO. McCLELLAN,
For M. BURNS.

His Excellency the President.

This appeal was successful and an extension was granted in pursuance of an order indorsed on the communication, and which is here copied:

Respectfully referred to the honorable Secretary of the Treasury, with directions that collection be suspended until further orders.

EDMUND COOPER, Acting Private Secretary.

The President held nineteen bonds of the Nashville and Chattanooga Railroad Company at $1,000 each. These bonds were guaranteed by the State of Tennessee. In the testimony of Col. ROBERT MORROW, the history of these bonds, as well as some others, is given, and the following quotation is made therefrom, to wit:

I have seen these bonds again, and can give about this description of them: There are nineteen mortgage bonds of the Nashville and Chattanooga Railroad Company, issued under a special act of the Legislature, and the payment of which is guaranteed by the State of Tennessee. Six of these have the following indorsement on the back, written in ink: "From the Bank of Tennessee to Gov. JOHNSON. C. J." I know the handwriting of the initials to be that of CAVE JOHNSON, who was President of the Bank of Tennessee from 1853 until about the beginning of the war. The bonds were issued in 1858, or at least bear that date. The other thirteen of the bonds correspond with the six I have described in every particular, except the indorsement of CAVE JOHNSON. They are made payable to bearer, and may be transferred without any formal assignment. There are also ten bonds of the State of Tennessee, issued for the general purposes of the revenue of the State, bearing date 1859, for $1,000 each, five of them bearing the same indorsement, signed "C. J.," as the six Nashville and Chattanooga Railroad bonds I have referred to. Four of the other Tennessee State six per cent. bonds, of $1,000 each, have the following indorsement:

MAXWELL, SAULPAW & Co. sold this bond to A. JOHNSON, Sept. 24, 1860. A. L. MAXWELL & CO.

These bonds were also issued by the State of Tennessee for general State purposes. One of the ten Tennessee State bonds bears no indorsement. There is also one bond of the East Tennessee and Virginia Railroad for $1,000, bearing the following indorsement:

"Sold by me to ANDREW JOHNSON on the 15th of October, 1858. WM. M. LOWRY."

Making in all thirty bonds of $1,000 each. Then, in addition to these are four new bonds, into which the overdue interest on the Tennessee State bonds was funded. I cut the coupons from the thirty bonds for interest, which had accumulated since the first or middle of 1861, and, through the First National Bank of Washington, transmitted those out from the Nashville and Chattanooga Railroad bonds to New-York, where they were paid in currency, and the ten Tennessee State bonds and one East Tennessee and Virginia Railroad bond to Nashville to be funded, and for which the four new bonds were received, the difference, whatever it was, being paid."

It is claimed by the Committee that this state of facts shows that the President acted corruptly in granting an extension of time to the Nashville and Chattanooga Railroad Company for the payment of the amount due the Government, because the State of Tennessee was not prepared to pay the interest due on these bonds, and that the only way to get his interest was for him to postpone the payment of the debt due to the United States, so that the Company could use its funds in taking up the coupons due on the bonds; that in this the President prostituted the powers of his office to advance his private interests. If this extension stood alone amid all the pressing needs of Southern Railroad Companies and their applications for relief, some force might be accorded to the argument based on it. But what are the facts? In Mr. STANTON's testimony it appears that:

"The first extensions of time for the payment of indebtedness to the Government were given by order of Major-Gen. Thomas on the 29th of May, 1866, when extensions were granted of the debts due by the East Tennessee and Virginia, and the East Tennessee and Georgia Railroad Companies to commence regular monthly payments, and in consideration of the same inability, and a disposition to meet its liabilities to the Government on the part of the Mississippi and Tennessee, he directed extension to be granted to those companies, and on the same condition. The Thomas extensions were also allowed: on April 5 to the McMinnville and Manchester Railroad Company, upon representation that such extension would be the best arrangement for payment that the Company could make; on April 10 to the New-Orleans and Ohio, upon the application of the Company; on April 11 to the Nashville and Northwestern, upon the application of the Company; on April 17 to the Nasaville and Chattanooga, because the money which should have been applied to liquidation of indebtedness to the Government had been paid out; on April 26 to the Mobile and Great Northern, and the Mississippi, Gainesville, and Jacksonville, on the application of the companies, and the recommendation of the quartermaster charged with the management of the affairs of military railroads and the collection of indebtedness; on May 7 to the Mississippi Central, and the Nashville and Decatur line, upon the solicitation and representations of the companies.

Extensions were granted by order of the Secretary of War; on May 11 to the Memphis, Clarksville and Louisville Railroad, upon the recommendation of Maj.-Gen. Thomas and the Quartermaster-General, based upon the inability of the Company to pay, and the defeat of the purpose of the transfer which would result from the attempt at enforcement of immediate payment; on Aug. 3 to the Alabama and Florida, on the recommendation of Major-Gen. Thomas and the Quartermaster-General; on Aug. 28 to the Atlantic and Western, on the application of the Company in Georgia, and pledging further security by enactment of the Georgia Legislature for the payment of the indebtedness; on Nov. 21 to the Nashville and Decatur line, on the recommendation of Major-Gen. Thomas, based upon the disposition of the Company to act in good faith, the great public security in the completion of the road to the Government in having the road resume operation, and the disadvantage of selling the property at public sale; on Dec. 5 to the Selma and Meridan, on the recommendation of Major-Gen. THOMAS and the Quartermaster-General; on Dec. 5 to the Mobile and Ohio, on the recommendation of Major-Gen. THOMAS and the Quartermaster-General."

As to the restoration of property which had been seized and held by agents of the Government, and under the act of July 12, 1862, commonly known as the confiscation act, the acts of July 2, 1864, and March 3, 1865, relating to the Bureau of Freedmen and Refugees, and the act of July 2, 1864, which provided "for the collection of captured and abandoned property," many pages of testimony have been taken. Pages 84 to 159 inclusive, embrace the testimony of Gen. O. O. HOWARD, Gen. J. S. FULLERTON, Gen. RUFUS SAXTON, DANIEL R. GOODLOE, and D. H. STARBUCK; pages 364 to 368 that of Gen. E. R. S. CANBY; pages 512 to 525, additional by Gen. FULLERTON; pages 550 to 554, that of Attorney-Gen. STANBERY; pages 614 to 618, that of the Secretary of the Treasury; pages 761 to 766 additional by Gen. HOWARD, with exhibits and statement of property restored on pages 773 to 777; pages 806 to 813, that of ex-Attorney-Gen. SPEED with exhibits; pages 816 to 824, that of Hon. FRANCIS E. SPINNER; pages 860 to 863, additional by the Secretary of the Treasury, with exhibits on pages 870 to 878. This testimony discloses the policy and practice of the Executive Department in the administration of said several acts, and shows the funds and amounts of property restored to claimants and former owners.

Section five of the act of July 17, 1862, provides:

That to insure the speedy termination of the rebellion, it shall be the duty of the President of the United States to cause the seizure of all the estate and property, money, stocks, credits and effects of the persons hereinafter named in this section, and to apply and use the same and the proceeds thereof for the support of the army of the United States, &c.

Section seven declares

That to secure the condemnation and sale of any such property after the same shall have been seized, so that it may be made available for the purpose aforesaid, proceeding *in rem* shall be instituted in the name of the United States in any District Court thereof, or in any Territorial Court, or in the United States District Court for the District of Columbia, within which the property above described or any part thereof, may be found, or into which the same, if movable, may be brought, which proceedings shall conform as nearly as may be to proceedings in admiralty or revenue cases, and if said property, whether real or personal, shall be found to have belonged to a person engaged in rebellion, or who has given aid or comfort thereto, the same shall be condemned as enemy's property, and become the property of the United States, and may be disposed of as the Court shall decree, and the proceeds thereof paid into the Treasury of the United States for the purposes aforesaid." The testimony shows that a large amount of property had been seized under the 5th section of the aforesaid act, and proceedings were pending in a number of districts, looking to the condemnation and sale of the same.

Section thirteen of the act is in these words, to wit:

"That the President is hereby authorized, at any time hereafter, by proclamation, to extend to persons who may have participated in the existing rebellion in any State or part thereof, pardon and amnesty, with such exceptions and at such time and on such conditions as he may deem expedient for the public welfare."

Acting in harmony with the spirit of this section of the act referred to, President LINCOLN issued his Amnesty Proclamation of Dec. 8, 1863, portions of which are here quoted, as follows:

Whereas, in and by the Constitution of the United States, it is provided that the President shall have power to grant reprieves and pardons for offences against the United States; and

Whereas, A rebellion now exists whereby the United State Governments of several States have for a long time been subverted, and many persons have committed and are now guilty of treason against the United States; and

Whereas, With reference to said rebellion and treason, laws have been enacted by Congress declaring forfeitures and confiscation of property and liberation of slaves, all upon terms and conditions therein stated, and also declaring that the President was thereby authorized, at any time thereafter, by proclamation, to extend to persons who may have participated in the existing rebellion, in any State or part thereof, pardon and amnesty, with such exceptions and at such times and on such conditions as he may deem expedient for the public welfare; and

Whereas, The Congressional declaration for limited and conditional pardon accords with the well-established judicial exposition of the pardoning power,

* * * * * Therefore

I, ABRAHAM LINCOLN, President of the United States, do proclaim, declare and make known, to all persons who have, directly or by implication, participated in the existing rebellion, except as hereinafter excepted, that a full pardon is hereby granted to them and each of them, *with restoration of all rights of property*, except as to slaves, and in property cases where rights of third parties shall have intervened, and upon condition that every such person shall take and subscribe an oath, and thenceforward keep and maintain said oath inviolate; and which said oath shall be registered for permanent preservation, and shall be of the tenor and effect following, to wit:

"I, ——, do solemnly swear, in the presence of Almighty God, that I will henceforth faithfully support, protect and defend the Constitution of the United States, and the union of the States thereunder; and that I will, in like manner, abide by and faithfully support all acts of Congress passed during the existing rebellion with reference to slaves, so long and so far as not repealed, modified or held void by Congress, or by decision of the Supreme Court; and that I will, in like manner, abide by and faithfully support all proclamations of the President made during the existing rebellion having reference to slaves, so long and so far as not modified or declared void by decision of the Supreme Court, so help me God."

This proclamation specified the classes of persons excepted from its benefits, and also contained President LINCOLN's one-tenth plan of reconstruction. The act of July 17, 1862, and the proclamation referred to, established a policy relative to persons who engaged in the rebellion, their rights and property.

After the war ceased and Mr. JOHNSON had succeeded to the Presidency, it became necessary to consider what should be done, in view of the policy thus established, with rebels and their property. The act creating the office of Attorney-General provides that one of his duties shall be, "to give his advice and opinion upon questions of law when required by the President of the United States," &c. (*Brightly's Digest*, 92.) It is fair to presume that, when the President receives an opinion from the Attorney-General, he is justifiable in following it. If this be not true, the statute is not only a meaningless contrivance, but a dangerous trap.

Mr. SPEED testifies that, as Attorney-General, he more than once gave the President opinions that the act of July 17, 1862, was a war measure, and that the war being over, it was not proper to continue to enforce it. (Page 807.) The present Attorney-General (Mr. STANBERY) approves this position of his predecessor, and testified that

"The recital of the Act of 1862 is, that for the purpose of suppressing insurrection, confiscation is ordered to be carried on. After the insurrection was put down, it did not seem proper to go on and order confiscation." (Page 552.)

This new view of the law has been acted on by the President. But this did not complete the policy he has pursued upon this subject. He next inquired of the Attorney-General (Mr. SPEED) whether a cessation of hostilities rendered it necessary or proper that another proclamation of amnesty and pardon should be issued. This inquiry was made on the 21st of April, 1865. On the last day of May following, the Attorney-General submitted to the President, at length, his opinion, and advised that another and new offer of amnesty, adapted to the existing condition of things, should be proclaimed." (Pages 1,083 to 1,086.)

In pursuance of this opinion, the President issued his amnesty proclamation of May 29, 1865, as follows, to wit:

By the President of the United States of America:

A PROCLAMATION.

Whereas, The President of the United States, on the 8th day of December, A. D. eighteen hundred and sixty-three, and on the 26th day of March, A. D. eighteen hundred and sixty-four, respectively, did object to suppress the existing rebellion, to induce all persons to return to their loyalty, and to restore the authority of the United States, issue proclamations offering amnesty and pardon to certain persons, who had directly or by implication participated in the said rebellion; and

Whereas, Many persons who had so engaged in said rebellion have since the issuance of said proclamations, failed or neglected to take the benefits offered thereby; and

Whereas, Many persons who have been justly deprived of all claim to amnesty or pardon thereunder, by reason of their participation, directly or by implication, in said rebellion, and continued hostility to the Government of the United States since the date of said proclamations, now desire to apply for and obtain amnesty and pardon;

To the end, therefore, that the authority of the Government of the United States may be restored, and that peace, order and freedom may be established, I, ANDREW JOHNSON, President of the United States, do proclaim and declare that I hereby grant to all persons who have directly or indirectly participated in the existing rebellion, except as hereinafter excepted, amnesty and pardon, with restoration of all rights of property, except as to slaves, and except in cases where legal proceedings under the laws of the United States providing for confiscation of the property of persons engaged in rebellion have been instituted; but on the condition, nevertheless, that every such person shall take and subscribe the following oath or affirmation, and thenceforward keep and maintain said oath inviolate, and which oath shall be registered for permanent preservation, and shall be of the tenor and effect following, to wit:

"I ——, do solemnly swear or affirm, in presence of Almighty God, that I will henceforth faithfully support and defend the Constitution of the United States and the Union of the States thereunder. And that I will, in like manner, abide by and faithfully support all acts and proclamations which have been made during the existing rebellion with reference to the emancipation of slaves, so help me God."

[Here follows the enumeration of the excepted classes.]

Provided, That special application may be made to the President for pardon by any person belonging to the excepted classes, and such clemency will be liberally extended as may be consistent with the facts of the case and the peace and dignity of the United States.

This proclamation did not differ materially from the one issued by President LINCOLN, except in an enlargement of the excepted classes, and a modification of the oath so far as to exclude all conditions concerning a support of all laws and proclamations having "reference to the emancipation of slaves."

In all cases of the seizure of the property of persons who come within the amnesty declared, and of those to whom special pardons have been granted, it has been restored, and in some instances the restoration has been made after condemnation—in a few, after sale. The circumstances governing the latter class of cases do not appear in the testimony.

This was done upon the broad ground that "when the pardon is full it releases the punishment and blots out of existence the guilt, so that in the eye of the law the offender is as innocent as if he had never committed the offence," and that, "if granted before conviction, it prevents any of the penalties and disabilities consequent upon conviction from attaching," as was subsequently held by the Supreme Court of the United States in *ex parte* Garland, 4 Wallace, 380.

Whether the policy thus established be right or wrong, wise or unwise, the principles involved in it seem to have guided the President in the surrender of property made by him in all cases of seizures under the several acts of Congress above mentioned, except such as may have been made in accordance with the principles of the acts themselves.

Let it here be noted that every act of Congress determining a penalty or forfeiture must be based upon some crime, and that every crime lies within the limits of the pardoning power. This principle extends to every seizure of property under the several acts of Congress above mentioned. This resolves this entire branch of the case, as well as that which affirms a corrupt use of the pardoning power, into a determination of the question whether in each act of pardon, the element of corruption entered. We have not been able to discover the instance in which this element appears. However much we may question the wisdom, prudence or sagacity which have marked the exercise of this power, we must still ask for the evidence of its corrupt use under any view of the law governing the case. The testimony fails to present a satisfactory answer.

INTERFERENCE IN ELECTIONS.

The sixth charge is: That the President has corruptly interfered in elections, and committed acts and conspired with others to commit acts which, in contemplation of the Constitution, are high crimes and misdemeanors. Both branches of this charge relate mainly to subjects which have already been considered under other charges; and it is unnecessary to recapitulate what has gone before. A great deal of the matter contained in the volume of testimony reported to the House, is of no value whatever. Much of it is mere hearsay, opinions of witnesses, and no little amount of it utterly irrelevant to the case. Comparatively a small amount of it could be used on a trial of this case before the Senate. All of the testimony relating to the failure to try, and admission to bail of JEFF. DAVIS, the assassination of President LINCOLN the diary of J. WILKES BOOTH, his place of burial, the practice of pardon brokerage, the alleged correspondence of the President with JEFFERSON DAVIS, may be interesting to a reader, but is not of the slightest importance so far as a determination of this case is concerned. Still much of this irrelevant matter has been interwoven into the report of the majority, and has served to heighten its color and to deepen its tone. Strike out the stage effect of this irrelevant matter and the prominence given to the Tudors, the Stuarts and the Michael Burns, and much of the play will disappear. Settle down upon the real evidence in the case—that which will establish, in view of the attending circumstances, a substantial crime, by making plain the elements which constitute it—and the case, in many respects, dwarfs into a political contest.

In approaching a conclusion, we do not fail to recognize two stand-points from which this case can be reviewed—the legal and the political. Viewing it from the former, the case upon the law and the testimony fails. Viewing it from the latter, the case is a success. The President has disappointed the hopes and expectations of those who placed him in power. He has betrayed their confidence and joined hands with their enemies. He has proved false to the express and implied conditions which underlie his elevation to power, and as we view the case, deserves the censure and condemnation of every well-disposed citizen of the Republic. While we acquit him of impeachable crimes, we pronounce him guilt of many wrongs. His contest with Congress has delayed reconstruction and inflicted vast injury upon the people of the rebel States. He has been blind to the necessities of the times and to the demands of a progressive civilization. He remains enveloped in the darkness of the past, and seems not to have detected the dawning brightness of the future. Incapable of appreciating the grand changes which the past six years have wrought, he seeks to measure the great events which surround him, by the narrow rules which adjusted public affairs, before the rebellion and its legitimate consequences destroyed them and established others. Judge him politically, we must condemn him. But the day of political impeachments would be a sad one for this country. Political unfitness and incapacity must be tried at the ballot-box, not in the High Court of Impeachment. A contrary rule might leave to Congress but little time for other business than the trial of impeachments. But we are not now dealing with political offences. Crimes and misdemeanors are now demanding our attention. Do these within the meaning of the Constitution appear? Rest the case upon political offences, and we are prepared to pronounce against the President, for such offences are numerous and grave. If Mexican experience is desired we need have no difficulty, for there almost every election is productive of a revolution. If the people of this Republic desire such a result, we have not yet been able to discover it, nor would we favor it if its presence were manifest while we condemn and censure the political conduct of the President, and judge him unwise in the use of his discretionary powers, and appeal to the people of the Republic to sustain us, we still affirm that the conclusion at which we have arrived is correct.

We therefore declare that the case before us, presented by the testimony and measured by the law, does not disclose such high crimes and misdemeanors, within the meaning of the Constitution, as require "the interposition of the Constitutional power of this House," and recommend the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Committee on the Judiciary be discharged from the further consideration of the proposed impeachment of the President of the United States, and that the subject be laid upon the table.

JAMES F. WILSON.
FREDERICK E. WOODBRIDGE.

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NEWS OF THE DAY.

EUROPE.

GARIBALDI, having recovered from his recent illness, will set out at once for Caprera. The reports that Italy had agreed to the proposed European Conference are premature. The Italian Government has not as yet signified its intentions.

In the British House of Commons yesterday Chancellor DISRAELI moved a vote of suppy of two and a half millions sterling for the expense of the Abyssinian expedition. During the ensuing debate Mr. LOWE made an attack upon the Ministry, to which Lord STANLEY replied.

JACOB BRIGHT has been elected to Parliament from Manchester.

The merchants and brokers of Berlin propose to address to Secretary MCCULLOCH a letter of inquiry regarding the payment in gold of United States Government bonds.

The steamship *Persia*, from Liverpool Nov. 16 and Queenstown Nov. 17, arrived at this port yesterday, with three days' later advices.

CONGRESS.

In the Senate yesterday Mr. MORGAN introduced a bill granting a right of way through the Government lands at West Point to the Hudson River West Shore Railroad. A memorial was presented asking Congress to interfere to prevent the mustering out of Major-Gens. HOWARD and SICKLES, and was referred to the Military Committee. After some debate a resolution prevailed providing for an adjournment without day at 12 o'clock on Monday next, provided the House concurred. The Senate then went into Executive session.

In the House a resolution was adopted calling upon Gen. GRANT for all correspondence addressed by him to the President on the subject of the removals of Secretary STANTON and Gens. SICKLES and SHERIDAN. The Committee on Freedmen's Affairs was instructed to report whether the Freedmen's Bureau should be continued beyond the time now limited by law. A resolution was adopted calling on the President for full and exact information as to pardons granted since the 14th of April, 1865, to persons convicted of perjury, counterfeiting, forgery, &c. Also directing the Committee on Ways and Means to inquire into the expediency of equalizing taxation by taxing United States Bonds, by authorizing the Secretary of the Treasury to issue certain additional bonds, and by providing for the payment of taxes paid by National Banks to the Treasurers of the States in which the banks are located. A resolution calculated to reduce the printing expenses of Committees was adopted. The Committee on Ways and Means was instructed to inquire into the expediency of changing the laws so as to arrest the contraction of the currency; of reducing the tax on distilled spirits, and reporting a more economical means of collecting it; of repealing the tax on cotton, and of adopting as a criterion of the measure of taxation a scale of revenue which would yield a sum only sufficient, with the surplus in the Treasury, to pay the expenses of the Government and the interest on the public debt, &c. Numerous other resolutions, calling upon heads of Departments for information, were introduced. The House then went into Committee of the whole on the state of the Union. Mr. BLAINE discussed the question of paying the five-twenty bonds in greenbacks, taking the ground that this mode would be in contravention of the honor of the nation. Mr. BUTLER replied, contending that the Five-Twenties were redeemable in the currency of the country, and not of necessity in coin. At the conclusion of the debate the Committee rose and the House adjourned, having previously agreed to the Senate resolution to adjourn without day on Monday.

GENERAL.

The trial of JEFFERSON DAVIS was not commenced yesterday, owing to the non-arrival in Richmond of Chief-Justice CHASE. The United States District Court-room was crowded at an early hour with an eager crowd of spectators, who anxiously awaited the appearance of Mr. DAVIS. Judge UNDERWOOD opened Court, and the Grand Jury having been sworn in, he delivered to them his instructions. Mr. EVARTS, counsel for the Government, announced that it was deemed advisable that Chief-Justice CHASE should preside at the trial of Mr. DAVIS, and as he was unable to be present at this time, he asked the further postponement of the trial until March next. It was finally agreed to call the case on the 20th of March. Mr. O'CONNER asked that Mr. DAVIS' bail bond be extended to the time fixed for the trial, which request was granted. Mr. DAVIS did not appear in Court, nor did the Government witnesses. Ex-Secretary SEDDON, Ex-Gov. LETCHER and Gen. WICKHAM were held in recognizances to appear as witnesses in March next.

In the United States District Court at Richmond, yesterday, Judge UNDERWOOD granted, upon the prayer of Gen. IMBODEN, a *mandamus* to compel Gen. SCHOFIELD to permit him to vote. It is returnable the 5th of December.

The Constitutional Convention met yesterday, when several communications were presented and appropriately referred. The President announced as the special order of the day the report of the Committee on Finance. Several amendments were offered and discussed, but without reaching definite action a recess until evening was taken. At the evening session the finance report was considered. Several amendments were discussed, and one providing that the credit of the State shall not be loaned to corporations or individuals was adopted. After further debate the Convention adjourned.

LOCAL.

The Board of Councilmen yesterday concurred in the resolution directing the Street Commissioner to cause the immediate removal of the boxes around the telegraph poles in Broadway. The resolution permitting residents of Fifth-avenue, between One Hundred and Twenty-ninth and One Hundred and Thirty-first streets, to inclose fifteen feet of the sidewalks for court-yards, was referred. An invitation to review a procession of Irishmen, who are to parade on Thanksgiving Day, as a mark of sympathy with their brethren in Manchester, was accepted.

Last evening the main hall of Cooper Institute was filled to repletion, on the occasion of a meeting having in view the asserting of the rights of American citizens abroad, especially in Ireland and England. Addresses were made by Judge DALY, JOHN COCHRAN, JOHN MCKEON, HORACE GREELEY, A. OAKEY HALL, JOHN MITCHELL and others, and an address and resolutions were adopted. A large outside meeting was also held.

By the nitro-glycerine explosion at South Bergen, N. J., on Monday evening, it appears that nine persons were instantly killed and six wounded. A Coroner's jury has been impaneled, and the inquest will be commenced on Friday next. The Common Council of Bergen yesterday ordered the removal beyond the town limits of 1,600 pounds of glycerine found in store.

The Chamber of Commerce met yesterday and adopted a report of a Special Committee favoring the early resumption of specie payment. Remarks were made by Messrs. LOW, OPDYKE, CHITTENDEN, CONKLING and others, and a memorial, to be presented to Congress, was ordered to be prepared.

Mr. J. H. ANTHON, in a letter to the Democratic Union Convention last evening, declined the nomination for Mayor in favor of Mr. HOFFMAN. The Convention afterward indorsed Mr. HOFFMAN and tendered him the nomination, which he accepted with thanks.

At a meeting of the National Democratic Scandinavian Association, at No. 186 Third-avenue, last evening, addresses were made in favor of Mr. HOFFMAN for Mayor by Capt. THOMPSON, Hon. A. J. RODGERS and others.

HUGH COURTNEY was yesterday convicted at the Court of General Sessions, and sentenced to the State Prison for twenty years, for committing an outrage on KATE MATTHEWS, a little child eight years of age.

Yesterday the lease of the Roosevelt-street Ferry was sold for $4,900; of the Thirty-fourth-street and Hunter's Point Ferry for $800; and of the Astoria Ferry for $50—each for a term of ten years.

Breadstuffs were dull and heavy yesterday. Provisions were held more firmly, but were slow of sale. Cotton was more active at rather easier prices. Groceries were quiet, as were also Petroleum, Naval Stores, Oils, Hides, Leather, Metals, Fish, Seeds, Spices, Skins and Tobacco. Wool was in fair demand within our former range. The freight engagements were moderate.

The Impeachment Programme—Its Effect on Public Business.

The Chairman of the Judiciary Committee ought to be a competent judge of the value and effect of the testimony adduced in support of the demand for impeachment. He knows exactly how the testimony was obtained, what it amounts to, and what reliance would be attached to it if the trial were forced upon the Senate. A clear-headed lawyer, his construction of the Constitution adversely to the ground assumed in the majority report is entitled to quite as much consideration as the conclusion at which Mr. BOUTWELL and Mr. WILLIAMS have arrived. An advanced party man, pronounced in his opposition to the President, unyielding in his adhesion to the reconstruction policy of Congress, he cannot be suspected of an unwillingness to give all proper weight to everything connected with the contest between the two branches of the Government. If he refuses to accept the majority version of the law, it is because, as a lawyer, he is convinced that it is untenable. If he stands aloof from impeachment, declines to declare it justified, and scouts the evidence on which reliance is placed for conviction, it is because he knows that persistence in the movement is not warranted by facts, and will bring defeat and disgrace upon its promoters.

And what does Mr. WILSON say in reference to the evidence relied upon by the signers of the majority report? "The report of the majority resolves all presumptions against the President, closes the door against all doubts, affirms facts as established by the testimony, in support of which there is not a particle of evidence before us which would be received by any court in the land." These are strong statements, made by the head of the Committee before whom the inquiry was conducted, but they are not all. "A great deal of the matter contained in the volume of testimony reported to the House is of no value whatever. Much of it is mere hearsay, spurious of witnesses, and no little amount of it is utterly irrelevant to the case. Mr. WILSON concedes too much when he speaks of the "stage effect" of this ponderous pile of trash. It is not even theatrically effective. Irrelevant it is on its face, and much of it absurd. An effort is needed, indeed, to scan with gravity the long series of allegations with which Mr. BOUTWELL and his associates endeavor to fortify their position. An indictment charging "high crimes and misdemeanors" might be supposed to thrust them into bold relief. They should be so obvious, so flagrantly wrong, so incontestible in their criminality, that no doubt should exist as to the fitness of proceedings founded on them. Nothing of the kind occurs in this case. Instead of singling out "high crimes and misdemeanors," and so stating them that the world would hold impeachment warranted, the majority of the Committee recite innumerable political peccadilloes, as though an aggregate of petty larcenies were equivalent to highway robbery or murder in the first degree. As political offences, doubtless some of Mr. JOHNSON's acts are grave enough; but it does not follow that they are constitutionally impeachable. They disentitle him to confidence, excuse much harsh criticism of his conduct, and vindicate many of the ways of Congress on the reconstruction question; but they are not "high crimes and misdemeanors" in the sense that necessitates a removal of the Executive. Thus considered, the report which has Mr. BOUTWELL for sponsor is a conspicuous failure. It does not present even a *prima facie* case in favor of impeachment.

As to the spirit which pervades the report, we fancy there cannot be two opinions. It has not a shadow of claim to the dignity which should belong to a formal arraignment of the President. It makes no attempt to conceal its partisanship or to win respect for the motives in which it originates. Mixed and muddy, it is evidently the product of politicians who are eager to be rid of Mr. JOHNSON, and whose anxiety for the end renders them indifferent to the means. Their partisan game makes it expedient that he be put out of the way, or at least they seem to think so; and the report is framed with a view to this result and this only.

The recklessness which prompts the proceeding is equally apparent in its management on the floor of the House. Not the slightest regard is shown for the host of important interests which await legislative action. Time is wasted; the opportunity for disposing of the impeachment business during the brief remainder of the present session is lost. It is useless to pretend that that delay was needed for the examination of the evidence. Nobody believes that that will in any degree help the matter. Thorough-going partisanship has no need of procrastination. It was as ready to render its verdict on Monday as it will be eight days hence. But this summary settlement of a question on which the extremists have risked their fate would scarcely serve their purpose. They intend if possible to make impeachment the big thing of the coming session—to talk about it, intrigue for it, scold and crack whips in its behalf. And they have, therefore, thrown over the question to a period at which it will most effectually impede all other business.

The obstruction will be disastrous. The finances of the country require immediate and judicious attention. Trade languishes under burdens too grievous to be borne. Industry suffers from an exhaustion which unwise laws and corrupt administration greatly aggravate. The whole country is depressed and anxious—not to say disgusted. The people complain that they are victimized by special interests, and by the Government that should help them. They protest against a fiscal system which, while distressing them, fosters extravagance in every branch of the Government service. They insist on having retrenchment and relief. And in the presence of these ominous circumstances, a section of the ruling party contrives to invest impeachment with dimensions that will render early attention to other subjects impossible. The country must suffer in order that they may discuss the blunders and shortcomings of a President who for nearly all practical purposes is powerless. The people must see their vital interests drift toward ruin, that extreme members may contrive a method for getting the Presidency into their own hands. A more outrageous exhibition of partisan arrogance and recklessness never was witnessed.

The effect of these tactics will extend far beyond the hindrance of business. The agitation with which the House is menaced involves much more than a waste of time. It will develop the prejudices and passions, the violence and obstinacy and cunning of party warfare. The lines which separate members will be drawn so tight that intelligent and friendly cooperation in the adjustment of questions affecting trade and revenue will be impossible. The same cause will react injuriously in the ultimate stage of reconstruction, the country being all the time the sufferer. The only conceivable benefit is that which the Democratic Party will derive from the madness and stupidity of their antagonists.

Party considerations alone should suffice to stimulate Republican members to extinguish this impeachment folly before its baneful influence be more widely felt. Probably they cannot now altogether obviate the mischief which is impending, but they may confine it within narrow limits, and prevent the serious interruption of business which is threatened. If they would preserve their party from destruction, and the great interests of the country from embarrassment, they will promptly upset the programme of impeachment, and stifle the angry and useless discussions for which it is a pretext.

The Finances in Congress—Hasty Schemes of Legislation.

The haste of members of Congress to introduce measures relating to the finances, is indicative of the deep importance that is felt to belong to the subject, and of the prominent position it will occupy in the business and debates of the pending regular session. The great number of these measures, the variety of points with which they deal, and the opposing methods proposed for their settlement, show what a confusion of opinion exists on the whole subject and all its parts. The interests to be affected, the principles that are involved, and the personal and party purposes to be served, give elements of vitality to the subject in Congress, and add to the anxiety with which its treatment will be watched throughout the country.

The subject was brought before the Senate on the first day of the session, as soon as possible after Mr. SUMNER had introduced the familiar African in two forms; and immediately upon the opening of business in the House on Monday it was brought up there in a bill prohibiting the further reduction of the currency—after which a dozen members stepped forward with their projects and resolutions bearing upon one branch or another of the matter—all of which were referred to appropriate committees. Yesterday again a new batch of resolutions were offered on the question—one of which bore against the National Banks, and resulted in two motions concerning it being submitted to the vote of the House before it was disposed of by reference.

Of the entire body of these financial schemes thus far brought forward in the House, four have looked to the stoppage of the contraction policy which the Secretary of the Treasury has heretofore been authorized to pursue, and which he has prosecuted up to this time. "To prohibit *further reduction* of the currency," are the words used in each of these cases—which sound much more moderate and reasonable than the demands for inflation, which have been expected from Western members, and which we will doubtless hear more of before things are settled. The only proposition that looked like indifinite inflation came from an Illinois member (BROMWELL,) whose resolution provides for furnishing at all times an amount of greenback circulation "adequate to the wants of the people, and in sufficient measure to promote the energy and enterprise of all classes." The terms of this scheme are certainly wide enough in their meaning, if they can be said to have any intelligible meaning at all; but we suppose that even its author would be willing to have some limitation put upon it in practice. On this important question of the amount of currency required by the country, which is discussed in such an unprofitable manner, and with such inconclusive results, there is no doubt that the recent experience of the country has led to a considerable modification of opinions previously held, and that the business and financial classes are generally agreed as to the necessity of a cessation in the work of contraction. Further progress in this direction, as things now are, is seen to be fraught with present danger to the national industries and interests, while at the same time it is not necessary in forwarding the process of a speedy return to specie payments. We have no doubt that there will be a general agreement on this point in Congress; and we will be satisfied if, discarding all wild and crude schemes of expansion, the Secretary of the Treasury shall be deprived of the option which he now enjoys in regulating the measure of the national currency. We imagine that the Secretary himself, though theoretically favorable to continued contraction, will not, under present circumstances, be unwilling to come to a compromise on this point.

Both in the Senate and House measures have been very promptly introduced, pledging the public faith for the payment in gold of the principal part of the five-twenty bonds. With equal promptitude Gen. BUTLER introduced his resolution providing for its payment in "lawful money," in "exact accordance with the acts of Congress creating it." We are of the opinion that, after all, this scheme of BUTLER has a much more dangerous and obnoxious aspect at first glance than it is found to have upon examination of its nature, and under the necessities of the case. The really important and vital point in the whole matter is this—that, while we may pay the principal of the five-twenties "in exact accordance with the acts of Congress," or in "lawful money," or, in short, in greenbacks, we should at the same time make no delay in bringing this lawful money up to its legitimate value. With resumption, the "lawful money" of Mr. BUTLER would be quite as acceptable to the bondholders as the "coin or its equivalent" of Senator EDMONDS; and, as we suppose even Mr. BUTLER will admit that we shall have specie payments before the close of the twenty years in which the principal of the bonds becomes due, the question of the medium of payment is of but little practical importance. The matter certainly has no practical application at the present day, and the whole dispute might therefore as well be dropped at once.

The resolution which was offered in the House yesterday, providing for withdrawing the National Bank currency from circulation and substituting greenbacks in its place, is not likely to be heard of out of the committee to which it was referred. Its author first proposed to "instruct" the committee to report a bill to this effect, and moved the previous question on his resolution; but this received very limited support. Subsequently, to test the sense of the House, he moved to lay it on the table; but the vote was two to one in favor of its reference to the Committee on Banks and Currency, of which Mr. POMEROY, of this State, is Chairman. We have no doubt that, in that quarter, it will receive all proper consideration.

It will be next week, after the reception of Secretary MCCULLOCH's report, that the finances, in all their relations, will be in order for consideration and debate. The measures thus far introduced are of some value as indicating the drift of things in Congress, and the preëminent importance the subject must assume.

The Election for Mayor.

JOHN ANTHON withdraws from the Mayoralty canvass. This leaves the issue a little more direct than it was before between HOFFMAN and WOOD. ANTHON would probably have got none but Democratic votes, and these will now be divided between the two remaining Democratic candidates;—and WOOD will probably get the most of them. ANTHON's withdrawal is thus likely to increase the chances of WOOD's election.

The Republicans go into the contest for DARLING with a good deal of energy and spirit, and profess a confidence of success which we are quite sure they do not feel. It is generally held, we believe, to be the duty of a party newspaper to *pretend* to be confident of success, whether it is so or not. Any other course is likely to damage the party, by discouraging its voters; party fidelity, therefore, is supposed to require loud and clamorous protestations of faith in success, whether any such faith is really felt or not. The idea that the editor of a newspaper should have any scruple about saying what he don't believe, never enters the head of a party man;—it is the newspaper's business to believe in its party, and in the certainty of its winning every time;—and if it can't believe it, it must pretend to do so until after the election,—which answers the same purpose. This is not, perhaps, a very high-toned view to take of the functions and rights of journalism; but it is the only theory on which we can explain what a good many journals actually say and do.

There are a good many Republicans who feel bound in honor, and as a matter of principle, to vote for nobody but a Republican under any circumstances, or at any election, no matter whether political issues are at stake or not, or what other important questions and interests are to be affected by the result. They cannot be held responsible for anything that may happen, so long as they stand by their own party, vote for nobody out of it, and leave the Democrats to settle the matter for themselves. All who hold this theory of party obligation and of public duty will vote for Mr. DARLING, and they could not vote for a better man. If they have no choice between WOOD and HOFFMAN, if they think the honor, character and interests of the City will be just as well protected if one of those men is elected, as if the other succeeds, then they are fully justified in voting for DARLING. Indeed, they cannot well do otherwise consistently with their own sense of public duty. But if anybody votes for him under the belief that he can be elected, we think that he will vote under a very serious misapprehension;—and if he thus votes on the assurances of newspapers that *say* so, he will become a victim of false pretences. The *Tribune* even does not venture on any such assurances. It contents itself with saying that DARLING *could* be elected if all the Republicans would vote for him, and if there should turn out to be 40,000 Republicans in the City. A prediction thus guarded is reasonably safe.

The issue continues now, as it has been from the beginning, between WOOD and HOFFMAN. One of those two men will be Mayor. Any Republican who does not care which it is, had better vote for DARLING. Any one who prefers WOOD, as the *Tribune* avows it does, over HOFFMAN, will do the most toward securing his preference by voting directly for WOOD;—and the main chance WOOD has of an election, lies in his chance of getting such votes.

The Presidential Canvass.

Gov. SEYMOUR declines being a candidate for the Presidency. His manner of doing it is very explicit and peremptory. Yet we don't think it has produced much effect. Some people, perhaps, think that positive as it seems to be, it could very easily be reconsidered if circumstances should render it necessary. Formal declinations of this sort seldom mean much. A good many men have made them; but they were, nevertheless, quite willing to sacrifice their own inclinations to the evident wish of the people and the necessities of the country. We see no reason for thinking that Mr. SEYMOUR would be less self-sacrificing or less patriotic, in this respect, than the rest of his countrymen.

It is, however, a little singular that there is not as yet the slightest approach to agreement in the Democratic Party as to a candidate for the Presidency. There is no one man in their ranks who can properly be regarded as the leader of the party, or whom the party would accept as a representative man. The attempts that prominent men of the party are making to find a candidate only reveal the difficulties of the task. One would suppose that, after such a war as we have just gone through, both parties would be able to point to some one or two men who had been leading champions of the ideas which each represented, and who would, therefore, naturally become leaders and candidates of their respective parties when the war was over. But this is not now the case with the Democratic Party. They have no man whose strength is more than local. Mr. SEYMOUR is talked of only because he is supposed to be strong in New-York. PENDLETON is proposed, only because it is believed he would command strong Western support. And Gen. MCCLELLAN is talked of merely because there is nobody else.

This is due to the fact that the Democratic Party had no clear, well-defined policy during the war. It was not, in any proper and legitimate sense, an opposition party. It dared not take open ground against the war, although its sympathies were clearly against the principles for which the war was waged. It had no clear, distinct platform to which it could rally all sections and all portions of its nominal followers. Its attitude throughout the war was passive. It was waiting for something to turn up. It hoped to profit by the mistakes of the Administration,—by blunders in its policy or the failure of its plans. All these expectations were swept away by the victory with which the war ended. All blunders, all local or partial failures were at once forgotten in the final and crowning triumph; and the party was still left in its old position, of waiting for something to happen.

The only thing that *can* happen which will redound to the benefit of the Democratic Party, is gross mismanagement on the part of the Republicans. Having possession of power, they have also its responsibilities; and it is by no means difficult for them, misled by over-confidence, or blinded by passion and party or personal resentments, to fall into errors of policy and action which should give their opponents the opportunity they seek and need. The elections of last Fall show that they have run very near this peril already; but there is nothing yet in their position which prudence and wisdom cannot retrieve.

The Republican Party has immensely the advantage of its opponents in this respect. The war naturally gave it a leader,—one who became by the victory, almost of necessity the representative of the cause which he had made triumphant. It is common just now to speak of efforts made to bring Gen. GRANT forward as the Republican candidate for President:—all the "effort" there has been, has sought to crowd him out of that position and crowd others in his place. From the hour the rebel armies surrendered to him, he has been the natural, predestined and inevitable candidate of the Republican Party. All others have been manufactured for the occasion and thrust, by political machinery and party effort, into factitious and short-lived prominence. But they have not hidden Gen. GRANT for a moment from the eyes of the great body of the people. He stands too high to be easily obscured.

MINOR TOPICS.

We hope the action of the Judiciary Committee in prosecuting the impeachment business will not be made a precedent in some particulars, at all events, hereafter. They seem to have considered themselves authorized, not only to investigate and publish all they could learn about the President's bank account and his private affairs generally, but to inquire in detail into the authorship of his messages and other public papers. Mr. BLACK, for example, formerly Attorney-General, was examined and cross-examined as to what paragraphs and passages he had furnished or suggested to the President, for his message vetoing the Military Reconstruction Bill. It is by no means an edifying chapter in our history, especially as no practical good could possibly be accomplished by such an inquisition into matters of not the slightest public consequence; for if it had been proved that Mr. BLACK wrote every word of that document, we do not suppose the President could have been impeached therefor. The only object was probably to gratify the curiosity and love of scandal of the Committee and of the community. But if this is to be deemed a precedent, future Committees will probably inquire regularly into the President's washing bills, and into the minutest details of his family conversations at breakfast.

The trial of DAVIS is again postponed, because Judge CHASE cannot attend to it now while the Supreme Court is in session. One would suppose that contingency might have been foreseen and provided for when the last postponement took place. The whole affair is losing all hold on public interest and attention, and probably the community at large would be gratified to wake up some morning and find that a *nolle pros.* had been entered, and DAVIS permitted to go to the—deepest recesses of private life in Mississippi. Certainly few people believe that the trial will ever take place, and nobody pretends to believe that he will ever be convicted.

The approach of a Presidential contest is a good thing for the tax-payer. No less than four propositions for "economy" were made in Congress on Monday, and if such plans go on in like proportion there will be a considerable curtailment of Government expenses. Mr. SPALDING's resolution, which was adopted, aims to stop investigations conducted by Select and Standing Committees "in places remote from the Capitol, and at great expense to the people," alleging that "the pressure of taxation renders retrenchment in the public expenditures not only a virtue but a necessity on the part of Congress." Mr. PIKE's resolution, also adopted, declares that "it is unnecessary to proceed further at present with the building and equipping of ships of war." Mr. WASHBURN's resolution, adopted, declares that "in the present financial condition of the country any further purchases of territory are inexpedient," and that the House will not pay for any. Mr. MORRILL introduced a resolution into the Senate for the "immediate reduction of the military forces," and Mr. BLAINE brought one for the same purpose before the House. Finally, Mr. EDMUNDS had a resolution to have "immediately paid into the Treasury" the sums received from selling captured or abandoned property. This is pretty well for one day. Everybody in Congress is evidently, just now, for "retrenchment and reform," at least so far as good resolutions go. This is a very wholesome sort of rivalry, and if the resolutions are only carried into practice, the tax-paying people will not complain.

Our Union League Club has been memorializing Congress not to allow Gens. HOWARD and SICKLES to be mustered out of the volunteer service. It was hardly worth while for the Club to go so much out of its way to justify the eulogy pronounced upon them by HORACE GREELEY some months ago. The volunteer army has been dissolved;—there is not a corporal's guard, nor even a Corporal, of it left. All the other Generals were mustered out long ago. Why should these two be allowed to retain their rank, with its high pay, when there is nothing whatever left for them to do in that capacity? The fact that they have done good political service may entitle them to rewards of some sort; but a useless, superseded, costly military rank is scarcely the proper kind of recompense for such a service. The League may be loyal, but it is sometimes very stupid.

The Senatorial contest in Ohio for successor to Senator WADE grows hot. It is mainly between Judge THURMAN and VALLANDIGHAM, at present, and the latter is represented as being very much more strongly supported than is generally believed. The masses of the Democratic Party are said to sympathise with his views of the war, as well as with his personal sacrifices and sufferings, to a very great extent. His election to the Senate would be a very damaging blow to the party, inasmuch as it would tend very strongly to confirm the charge of its sympathy with the rebellion. It would have on a large scale very much the same effect that FERNANDO WOOD's election as Mayor would have on a small one.

Mr. ASHLEY, of Ohio, must look to his laurels. KELSEY, of New-York, is evidently envious of his fame, and eager to snatch his budding honors from his brow. He proposes to pass a law which shall "declare" the President out of office. Some of our New-York newspapers, in introducing him to public notice, have spoken of him as one of the ablest lawyers of the State. The fact, if it be a fact, has only been discovered since he left it. He was formerly a member of Congress, and won some reputation by service on the Engraving Committee; but this, we believe, is his first venture into the regions of high law.

We are very glad to find that Gen. GRANT is at last deemed worthy of recognition and of at least partial indorsement, by our neighbor, the *Tribune*. After careful scrutiny that journal feels quite safe in pronouncing him an "able, sagacious, thoughtful patriot." That is something to begin with. Now we wish our neighbor would make an effort to shake off an apprehension, which seems to trouble him not a little, lest some other people, whose aid in the last election it insultingly repelled, should claim a monopoly of the General, or foreclose a mortgage on him after this election. We don't believe there is any great danger of their trying—and not the least of their succeeding, if they do.

There is good deal of curiosity, to give it no stronger name, to know what it was that caused the Hon. Mr. CHURCHILL, of this State, to change his opinion on impeachment. In June he voted that nothing had been developed in the testimony that would justify such a proceeding—in November he votes exactly the other way. During the interval we hear of no new developments, no new facts having come to light which would warrant so sudden and so radical a change on so important a matter—a change which cannot fail to affect most essentially the business interests of the country for a long time to come. It is expected that Mr. CHURCHILL will take an early opportunity, in some form or other, to clear up a matter which, as it stands now, very urgently requires explanation.

Rev. NEWMAN HALL, it seems, did not secure the Senate Chamber for his use last evening. Senators TRUMBULL and CAMERON thought it would create a "bad precedent;" Mr. FRELINGHUYSEN proposed to give it to him "just once," and then shut down on everybody else, except by a definite rule, and Messrs. SUMNER and POMEROY thought the chamber was due to Mr. HALL, and to "none but men of such commanding character" and of "such services to this country." We think Mr. HALL *did* render one great service to the country by the prayer he made in the Senate. The report suggestively said "it avoided all mention of American politics." Now that is such a novel and striking sort of public prayer, such a commendable innovation, that we think it worthy of special reward. When Mr. HALL preached in the House Chamber on Sunday morning, he argued "the importance of ecclesiastical liberty as the guardian of civil liberty, and condemned the alliance of Church and State." That, however, was only carrying coals to Newcastle. We haven't any idea of uniting Church and State, and the sermon might as well have been on the American flag. But the avoidance of American politics in the prayer was decidedly *not* coals to Newcastle; and though we would not pronounce this stroke worthy of special thanks by the Senate, we hope Chaplain BOYNTON will mark and inwardly digest it.

A Personal Vindication.

The public services of E. DELAFIELD SMITH in the responsible office of District-Attorney of the United States at New-York during the war, renders his reputation of national importance. It is not strange, therefore, that his recent exoneration from reflections thrown upon him near the close of his official term, should create, as it has, very general satisfaction. The reflections related to but one of the thousand cases presented by him during an eventful period. They were founded upon *ex-parte* statements, and were acted upon without notice to him. Finding their way into a Congressional report, they are now retracted, after a full investigation, by Mr. HULBURD, Mr. LE BLOND and the other members of the Committee who reported them. Mr. SPEED, then Attorney-General, states that but for them Mr. SMITH would have been retained in office, and he handsomely expresses his regret at his own mistaken action. Mr. BATES, Attorney-General during most of Mr. SMITH's term, adds a strong letter, in which he states that the late District-Attorney, in the matter complained of, did not justly incur the slightest censure "as an officer, a lawyer or a man." We congratulate Mr. SMITH upon a vindication so thorough and authorative.

A Just Sentence.

Whatever may be thought of BUCKLE's theory, that crimes as well as diseases and disasters travel in cycles, in obedience to certain fixed laws, the fact is undoubted that peculiar forms of crime do at times appear to assume an epidemic character, and rage, unchecked, until their force is expended. The latest illustration of this theory is found in the frequency with which one of the basest and most unnatural offences known to the law—that of personal violence and outrage inflicted upon defenceless little children—has been committed. In the majority of instances the victims have been girls of from three to ten years of age, and the offenders men of gray hairs and feeble steps. A hoary sinner in this respect, whose crime was invested with peculiarly aggravated circumstances, was yesterday consigned by Judge RUSSEL to the State Prison for twenty years at hard labor. The sentence, severe as it was, was well merited, and we trust will have its effect in ridding the calendars of our criminal Courts of the numerous cases of this character which of late have been found upon them. While alluding to this unpleasant subject we desire to call the attention of the State Legislature to what is clearly a defect in the law governing such offences. Under the present code an outrage of this kind is classed as a simple misdemeanor—the accused having the privilege of electing to be tried at Special Sessions, where the maximum punishment is imprisonment for six months, with the addition of a merely nominal fine. This light penalty has heretofore had little terror for the criminal; and the statute bearing upon the matter ought to be revised, placing the crime under the jurisdiction of a Court whose power to inflict punishment is commensurate with the heinousness of the offence.

CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION.

ALBANY, Tuesday, Nov. 26.

The Convention met at 10 o'clock A. M.

Several petitions were presented in favor of abolishing the Board of Regents of the University.

The President presented a communication from Dr. JONES, recommending an amendment relative to the management of prisons.

A communication was received from the Mayor and Common Council of Albany, tendering the Convention the use of a public hall in case their sessions should be prolonged after the 1st of January next.

Mr. EDDY called up his resolution providing that, on and after to-day, the roll of the Convention shall be called at the opening of each session, and all members absent without leave shall forfeit their pay for that day.

Mr. CASE moved to amend that all delegates having already received pay for services when absent without the leave of the Convention, be required to return the same into the State Treasury.

Mr. MORRIS moved to lay the subject on the table till the 24th of December. Carried.

FINANCE AND CANALS.

The President announced the special order, it being the report of the Committee on Finance.

Mr. DUGANNE moved to amend the second section, by providing that "the surplus revenues of the canals in each fiscal year may be applied by the Legislature to the improvement or completion of the canals, but shall not be anticipated or pledged for an amount exceeding $8,000,000."

Mr. ERASTUS BROOKS moved to strike out $8,000,000 and insert $2,000,000. Lost by 13 to 71.

Mr. KETCHUM moved to strike out eight and insert five. Lost.

The question was then taken on Mr. DUGANNE's amendment, and it was lost by 21 to 62.

Mr. CHURCH moved to add the following new section: "No tax shall hereafter be imposed upon the people of this State for works of internal improvement, or their debts, unless authorized by a vote of the people, according to section eleven of this article, except to provide for the payment of the debt specified in section one of this article." Lost by 36 to 54.

Mr. WALES moved to amend so that the Legislature may sell or otherwise dispose of any canal whose revenue is not sufficient to pay the expense of superintendence and repairs. Lost by 16 to 70.

Mr. PROSSER moved to amend so as to authorize a loan not to exceed $8,000,000, whenever it shall be necessary for the enlargement of the canals. Lost.

Mr. HARRIS moved to strike out the section postponing the construction of a new Capitol for ten years.

Mr. ERASTUS BROOKS moved to amend to limit the expenses of the construction of a new Capitol building to $5,000,000. Lost.

Without coming to vote, on motion of Mr. HARRIS, the Convention took a recess.

EVENING SESSION.

The Convention met at 7 o'clock.

The pending question was on the motion of Mr. HARRIS to strike out the section postponing the erection of a new capitol for ten years.

After debate the motion was adopted and the matter left to the Legislature.

The section prohibiting the Legislature from loaning the credit of the State to any individual association or corporation was taken up. The debate took a wide range with reference to appropriations to railroads and charitable and educational institutions. In the course of the discussion a let

TELEGRAMS.

Gen. Garibaldi to Return to Caprera.

The Abyssinian Expedition in the British House of Commons.

Great Loss of Life by Inundation in the Philippine Islands.

ITALY.

Recovery of Garibaldi—The General to Return to Caprera—The Government and the Conference.

FLORENCE, Tuesday, Nov. 26.

GARIBALDI has so far recovered from his recent illness as to be considered by his medical advisers able to support the fatigue of travel, and, by permission of the Government, he will immediately set out from Varignano for his home at Caprera.

The reports that Italy had agreed to the proposition of France for a general Conference are premature. The Italian Government has not yet signified in any way its intention of joining the proposed Congress.

GREAT BRITAIN.

The Abyssinian Expedition Discussed in the House of Commons—New Member for Manchester.

LONDON, Tuesday, Nov. 26—Evening.

In the House of Commons this evening Hon. Mr. DISRAELI, Chancellor of the Exchequer, moved a vote of supply of two million pounds sterling for the expenses of the Abyssinian war. He supported his motion with a speech, in which he recalled the various pacific efforts made in vain by England to obtain the release of the British captives, and justified the final action of the Government in sending a military expedition to Abyssinia. He thought that should it be found necessary to replace the Indian troops sent on the expedition, the amount of the supply required by the Government might be increased to £5,500,000.

Debate ensued. Mr. LOWE made an attack upon the Ministers, to which Lord STANLEY replied.

JACOB BRIGHT has been elected to Parliament from Manchester.

PHILIPPINE ISLANDS.

The Inundation of Luzon—10,000 Lives Lost.

Additional particulars of the disastrous inundation with which the Island of Luzon was visited last month are received. Besides the great damage to the shipping and crops, whole villages were overwhelmed, and the loss of human life is computed at ten thousand.

CHINA.

American Men-of-War Dispatched to Formosa—The Typhoon at Hong-Kong.

LONDON, Tuesday, Nov. 26—Noon.

Late dispatches received here from Shanghae announce that several vessels of the United States Pacific Squadron had departed for the Island of Formosa, to punish the perpetrators of the outrage on the crew of the American bark *Rover*. The United States Consul-General at Amoy was to have accompanied the expedition with a body of Imperial troops, which had been tendered him for the occasion.

Hong Kong was visited on the first of October by a typhoon, which almost equaled in violence and destructiveness the hurricane reported two or three months ago.

PRUSSIA.

Inquiry Regarding the Payment of United States Bonds.

BERLIN, Tuesday, Nov. 26.

The merchants and brokers of this city interested in American securities, propose to send an address to Mr. MCCULLOCH, the Secretary of the Treasury, making inquiry in regard to the payment of the bonds in gold by the United States Government.

THE WEST INDIES.

End of the Revolution in Hayti—Advices from St. Domingo.

HAVANA, Monday, Nov. 25.

The latest advices received from Hayti and St. Domingo confirm the reports hitherto received of rupture between the two countries.

GEN. MONTEZ is still held prisoner in Hayti.

The revolution against the authority of SALNAVE in Hayti has come to an end.

The foreign consuls in Hayti, against whom some animosity has lately arisen, have been guaranteed protection.

An attempt was recently made to kill the United States Consul at Port-au-Prince. He was called out by a mob, and when he appeared on the balcony of his dwelling he was fired at from a rifle, the ball, fortunately, however, doing no other injury than grazing his temple.

The brother of Gen. MONTEZ has made his escape, and was aided in doing so by the British Consul.

The revolutionists on the frontier of St. Domingo number 4,000 men. They are in possession of the important Province of Caobas.

Cotton is arriving in this city from the interior, and selling at three cents a pound.

Some pirates in an open boat, off Cape Dame Marie, lately attempted to take possession of the American schooner *Lucy*, from New-York, for Kingston, but were repulsed by the crew belonging to the vessel. The fight was quite a brisk one, and several of the pirates were killed and wounded.

The earthquake in Jamaica on the 11th inst. did great damage to property and caused considerable loss of life.

It is predicted that great exertions will shortly be made to induce people in the Southern States to emigrate to this island.

Proceedings of the Alabama Convention.

MONTGOMERY, Ala., Monday, Nov. 25.

In the Reconstruction Convention a memorial was offered to the Congress of the United States, praying that the present Reconstruction Law be so altered or amended as to require only a majority of the votes voting on the question to determine for or against the adoption of the new Constitution.

Several members stated that they desired the law amended, so that the opposition could not defeat the Constitution by staying away from the polls, and pressed the immediate adoption of the memorial. It was debated and finally tabled and ordered to be printed.

Ordinances were introduced and referred, to establish a Board of Immigration for this State and to provide for a Bureau of Industrial Statistics.

The Radical majority decided not to press the adoption of the amendment requiring common carriers to make no distinction on account of color between persons traveling in this State, and refused to bring up the question this morning. This action was taken because the object in view had already been obtained, in part at least, by the adoption of section one of the Bill of Rights, which declares that all persons possess equal civil and political rights and public privileges.

An article was reported by the Committee on Education providing for the establishment throughout the State, in each township or school district of one or more schools, at which all the children of the State between the ages of 8 and 20 years, may attend free of charge.

A motion to amend by providing separate schools for white and colored children was tabled—Yeas, 58; Nays, 27.

On a final vote the section was adopted—yeas 5, nays 86.

The reason why the Radical majority did not press the amendment requiring common carriers to make no distinction between travelers on account of color was, that there was danger of breaking up the Convention, several members threatening to withdraw if it was adopted.

It is highly probable that the proposition to organize a provisional civil State Government in place of the present State Government will be quashed in Committee.

MONTGOMERY, Ala., Tuesday, Nov. 26.

The following article to the Constitution was adopted to-day:

ARTICLE —.Taxation.—All taxes on property in this State shall be assessed in exact proportion to the value of such property: *Provided*, however, that the General Assembly may levy a poll tax, not to exceed one dollar and fifty cents on each poll, which shall be applied exclusively in aid of the public school fund.

The day's session was consumed in discussing the proposition to vest power in the Governor to appoint all judicial officers.

The Convention finally provided for the election of Supreme Court Judges and Chancellors by the Legislature, and all other judicial officers by the people.

TRIAL OF JEFFERSON DAVIS.

Postponement Until March Next—Chief-Justice Chase Not Present—Charge of Judge Underwood.

RICHMOND, Va., Tuesday, Nov. 26.

Judge CHASE did not arrive here this morning to preside over the United States District Court, assisted by Judge UNDERWOOD, as expected, to proceed with the trial of JEFFERSON DAVIS on the charge of treason.

At 11 o'clock the Court met. The Court-room was densely crowded. In the park outside there was a detachment of cavalry.

The Grand Jury was brought in and all the counsel of Mr. DAVIS were present, except Mr. JAMES T. BRADY, of New York, and Hon. WM. B. REID, of Philadelphia.

Judge UNDERWOOD took his seat upon the Bench at 11:30 o'clock, and the Grand Jury were sworn in.

In his charge to the jury, Judge UNDERWOOD said that he regretted the absence of Chief-Justice CHASE. He cautioned the jury that no party or class prejudices should influence their deliberations. The offences connected with the rebellion, he stated, should first have attention. If it should be brought to their attention that any one had committed treason, he must be indicted, unless he has been specially pardoned by the President, or by the general amnesty proclamation. He then cited the law and the penalties for treason. He next said that violations of the revenue laws should claim their attention, and that they should be unsparing in the case of public officers engaged in such violations, if any such should be found.

Up to noon no step had been taken in regard to proceeding with the trial of Mr. DAVIS, and up to that hour that gentleman had not made his appearance in Court.

About thirty ladies were present in the Court as spectators.

Shortly after noon Mr. EVARTS, for the Government, said that the intention of the Government was to try the case of Mr. DAVIS some day this term. One consideration in fixing the day was the time when Judge CHASE could attend here, and the Government proposed to name a day after the adjournment of the Supreme Court for this trial, when he could sit in conjunction with Judge UNDERWOOD.

Mr. EVARTS then suggested that the fourth Wednesday in March next be fixed as the day for the trial to proceed.

Mr. O'CONOR said that the personal convenience of Mr. DAVIS would have been promoted if the trial had taken place in May last, and it would be very convenient to Mr. DAVIS to have the trial now proceed. His counsel, however, would agree to the proposition of Mr. EVARTS. They thought that the presence of Chief-Justice CHASE would be beneficial, not alone to the interests of the accused, but to the interests of all.

Judge UNDERWOOD said that the arrangement proposed by the Government was agreeable to the Court, and particularly because the Court earnestly desired that Chief-Justice CHASE should sit upon the trial. It was also due to the defendant that two Judges should sit on his case in order that an appeal might be taken on disputed questions, and the case carried up by the defendant to a higher Court.

The Judge then agreed to fix the 20th of March as the day for the trial of the prisoner.

An application was then made by Mr. O'CONOR that the bail bond of Mr. DAVIS be extended until the time which had been fixed for the trial to proceed.

This was agreed to by Judge UNDERWOOD, and it was further agreed that if Chief-Justice CHASE could not then be present to preside over the Court that the leave of absence of Mr. DAVIS be extended to the term following.

The order for the extension of the leave of absence of Mr. DAVIS, and fixing the 22d of March next as the day for his trial, was then entered, by order of Judge UNDERWOOD.

The trial of Mr. DAVIS is therefore ordered for this term.

Mr. DAVIS did not appear in Court, nor did the witnesses for the Government.

Three witnesses who came into Court, Ex-Secretary BRECKINRIDGE, Ex-Gov. LETCHER and Gen. WICKHAM, were held in recognizances to appear in March next, on the day ordered for the trial to commence.

The Witnesses Before the Grand Jury.

RICHMOND, Tuesday, Nov. 26.

SEDDEN LETCHER and several other witnesses for the Government were before the Grand Jury to-day, from which it is inferred that DAVIS will be tried on a new indictment at the March term. Mr. DAVIS will remain here several days. He will not spend the Winter in Canada.

Gen. LEE goes Thursday to Petersburgh, to attend the marriage of his son, W. H. F. LEE.

The Georgia Conservative Convention.

AUGUSTA, Ga., Tuesday, Nov. 26.

The Conservative Convention at Macon promises to be fairly attended. The *Press* is urging on the people the necessity of a thorough organization for the purpose of defeating the Constitution to be submitted by the Reconstruction Convention. Meetings have been held in various parts of the State, and delegates appointed. It is believed that the Convention will issue an address urging the people not to take part in the election for the ratification of the Reconstruction Convention; hoping by this means to defeat it.

The Collyer and Kelly Prize-Fight.

BALTIMORE, Tuesday, Nov. 26.

COLLYER and KELLY left this city this evening on the 6:35 train, with a crowd of their respective backers and friends, for some point in Delaware, where the fight will take place at an early hour to-morrow. They did not succeed in chartering a steamer to convey them down the Chesapeake, as was expected.

An attempt was made to arrest KELLY, but he escaped. The Police succeeded in arresting CUSICK, his second, who gave $2,000 bail not to break the peace in Maryland.

Fatal Boiler Explosion in Georgia.

SAVANNAH, Ga., Tuesday, Nov. 26.

The boiler at LAMAR's cotton press exploded this morning, killing two negroes and seriously injuring the engineer. The building is a complete wreck. The shipping in the vicinity was in great danger from fire, but the prompt action saved it. The damages are estimated at $8,000.

Steamboat Boiler Explosion—Six Men Injured.

NEW-ORLEANS, La., Tuesday, Nov. 26.

The Ouachita River packet *Idaho* blew up at the wharf to-day, and six men were wounded—two of them mortally. The upper-works of the boat were completely wrecked.

The Maine State Teachers' Association.

LEWISTON, Me., Tuesday, Nov. 26.

The State Teachers' Association assembled here to-day. Essays were read on the philosophy of teaching, on success in teaching, and on memorizing. The subject of discipline in schools was also discussed, and in the evening a lecture on ventilation closed the exercises.

Mayoralty Nominations in Massachusetts.

BOSTON, Tuesday, Nov. 26.

CHARLES H. SANDERS has been nominated for Mayor of Cambridge; RUFUS S. FROST for Mayor of Chelsea, and Mr. HUNT, the present incumbent, for Mayor of Charlestown. All these nominations have been made irrespective of politics.

Gen. Imboden's Application to Vote in Virginia.

RICHMOND, Monday, Nov. 25.

Judge UNDERWOOD to-day granted upon the prayer of Gen. IMBODEN a *mandamus* to compel Gen. SCHOFIELD to permit him to vote. It is returnable the 5th of December.

Fire at Avon, Conn.

HARTFORD, Tuesday, Nov. 26.

The twine and warp mill of the Hope Manufacturing Company, at Avon, was burned at 1 o'clock this morning. The loss is $10,000. The building was insured in New-York offices.

Nomination for Mayor of Boston.

BOSTON, Tuesday, Nov. 26.

DANIEL B. SHURTLEFF was formally nominated for Mayor this evening by both the Democrats and License Law men.

New Railroad Opened in Georgia.

AUGUSTA, Ga., Tuesday, Nov. 26.

Trains on the Macon and Augusta Railroad commenced running to Milledgeville to-day. This route shows a gain of forty-four miles between Augusta and Macon, as compared with the central route *via* Millen.

Weston at Laporte, Ind.

LAPORTE, Ind., Tuesday, Nov. 26.

WESTON arrived at 6:15 o'clock this evening, and remains here to-night. He leaves to-morrow morning, and expects to arrive in Chicago at 9 o'clock Thursday morning.

Arrival of the Cunard Steamship Persia at this Port.

The Cunard mail steamship *Persia*, from Liverpool NOV. 16, and Queenstown NOV. 17, arrived at this port yesterday morning.

Fatal Accident in Springfield, Mass.

SPRINGFIELD, Mass., Tuesday, Nov. 26.

HENRY SHORROCKS, book-keeper of HOMER, FOOT & CO., of this city, was run over and fatally injured at the depot in Springfield this evening.

The Mississippi Election.

MEMPHIS, Tuesday, Nov. 26.

The result of the Mississippi election is still doubtful. The Radicals claim a small majority.

LOCAL POLITICS.

The Mayoralty—Mr. Anthony Declines in Favor of Mr. Hoffman.

Mr. JNO. H. ANTHONY sent a note to the Democratic Union Convention, last evening, in which he declined the nomination for the Mayoralty. The communication is as follows:

No. 293 BROADWAY, NEW-YORK, Nov. 26, 1867.

To the Committee on behalf of the Democratic Union City Convention:

GENTLEMEN: In fulfilling my promise to answer, after a day's deliberation, the offer yesterday made to me of the nomination for the Mayoralty of this City by the Democratic Union Organization, let me repeat my thanks for the honor conferred upon me, and the assurance that I fully appreciate the compliment.

As the nomination to an important office of a political party, which I have served with entire fidelity of purpose, and which—pledged to political reform—has faithfully striven to redeem its pledges, I receive it with gratitude; and if my sense of duty allowed me to do so, would assume with pride the position of your leader in the approaching canvass.

I was nominated after a very vigorous contest in the Convention, and although that contest was not founded upon any personal opposition to me, yet it indicates a difference of opinion as to the right policy of the organization which I consider incompatible with success—while I regard the acceptance of such a nomination by one holding, as I do, the post of Chairman of your General Committee, as injurious to your best interests.

All citizens and parties should at a time like this, if they possess a desire for pure government, unite in supporting the candidate of an organization laboring for municipal and party reform and the restoration of public morality. But it is evident that political combinations and intrigues are too powerful in other party councils to admit of this; and the pending canvass assumes the aspect of a strife of factions and personal interest, in which, as a candidate, I should be regarded either as a means of obtaining an ineffectual display of party strength, or a mere element in the calculations of the two principal aspirants for the office.

Neither position is desirable for you or for myself. The strength of our organization needs no display, and votes that would produce no result if given for me may be cast with effect, and render certain the result, as between Messrs. HOFFMAN and WOOD.

Here, perhaps, this letter might be closed. But though ceasing to be your candidate, I am still entitled to a voice in your councils, and beg you to remember that evils in the State are not cured by the elevation of bad men; nor is a corrupt party organization reformed or rebuked by the aggrandizement of one equally vicious.

The arrogant ambition of Mr. WOOD prompts him to this last insult to the people of New-York, and his attitude is this: That after persistent resistance in November to our party and the principles of reform, he now strives to entice the maintainers of those very principles to his support, and obtrudes himself upon the people as a leader of the friends of good government and fair party management.

Not with such aid can reform or purification be accomplished, and in declining, with earnest thanks and a proud appreciation of your kindness, the honor which you offer me, I beg you to take such measures as may keep our organization free from alliance with individuals and principles with which it has no sympathy.

I remain, gentlemen, with great respect, your obedient servant, J. H. ANTHON.

The declination was accepted, and the Convention indorsed the nomination of Mr. HOFFMAN. At a late hour in the evening a Committee waited on Mr. HOFFMAN at the Everett House and tendered him the nomination, which he accepted with thanks.

Gov. Seymour and Fernando Wood.

FERNANDO WOOD having advertised that ex-Gov. HORATIO SEYMOUR would speak at his meeting, Gov. SEYMOUR has sent the following dispatch, denying that there is any authority for the use of his name:

UTICA, Monday, Nov. 25, 1867.

Hon. Samuel J. Tilden, New-York:

The notice that I am to speak in New-York is unauthorized. I know nothing about it.

HORATIO SEYMOUR.

Seventeenth Ward School Trustee.

The Seventeenth Ward Union Republican School Convention met on Monday evening, and unanimously nominated OLIVER B. STREET for School Trustee.

SCOTTISH SONGS.—Under the auspices of the New-York Caledonian Club, Mr. D. KENNEDY, the celebrated Scottish vocalist, will give one of his Scottish entertainments to-night at Steinway Hall, commencing at 8 P. M.

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Exposition Universal, Paris, 1867.

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Torrey's Patent Weather Strips.—No wind, dust, snow or rain can penetrate where these strips are used. Save half the fuel. Warranted for five years E. S. & J. TORREY & CO., No. 73 Maiden-lane, N. Y.

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HERRMANN—VIETOR.—In Brooklyn, on Thursday, Nov. 21, by Rev. Thomas J. Mumford, of Dorchester, THEODOR HERRMANN, of New-York, to ELIZA C., daughter of the late Theodore Vietor.

MARVIN—WILKINS.—At Westport, Conn., on Tuesday, Nov. 19, by Rev. John Eaton Smith, FREDERICK D. MARVIN to CARRIE LOUISE, daughter of L. Wilkins, Esq., all of Westport. No cards.

MOTT—RODMAN.—On Tuesday evening, Nov. 26, by Rev. S. D. Burchard, D. D., CHARLES MOTT to THERESA J. RODMAN, all of this City.

RUNYON—SHAW.—On Tuesday, Nov. 26, at No. 22 Nichols-st., by Rev. Dr. J. S. Porter, Mr. JNO. R. RUNYON, of Morristown, N. J., to Miss MARY E. SHAW, daughter of the late Rev. John K. Shaw, of Newark, N. J.

STORM—MIDDLETON.—On Tuesday, Nov. 26, by Rev. Joseph P. Thompson, D. D., Mr. THOMAS STORM to Miss GERTIE, daughter of the late Charles Middleton, Esq.

DIED.

ACKLAND.—On Sunday evening, Nov. 24, at 7¼ o'clock, THOMAS B. ACKLAND, in the 34th year of his age.

The relatives and friends of the deceased, and those of his father-in-law, James M. Ribiet, and also the members of Eastern Star Lodge No. 227, F. & A. M., Corinthian Chapter No. 169, R. A. M., Adelphic Council No. 7, R. & S. M., Morton Commandery No. 4, K. T., and the fraternity in general are respectfully invited to attend the funeral at his late residence, No. 33 Dominick-st., on Wednesday at 1 o'clock. The remains of the deceased will be interred in Greenwood Cemetery.

EASTERN STAR LODGE No. 227, F. & A. M.—The members of the above Lodge are hereby summoned to attend the funeral of our late Bro. THOMAS R. ACKLAND, from his late residence, No. 33 Dominick-st., on Wednesday, the 27th inst., at 1 o'clock.

By order of JOHN J. FINN, S. W.
THOS. A. GRANGER, Secretary.

SPECIAL FUNERAL NOTICE.—The Companions of Corinthian Chapter No. 169, R. A. M., are hereby summoned to attend a special communication at Odd Fellows' Hall, corner of Grand and Centre sts., on Wednesday at 12 o'clock noon, for the purpose of paying the last tribute of respect to our late companion, THOS. R. ACKLAND. The companions of sister Chapters are invited to be present. By order of J. B. GARDNER, H. P.

E. M. ALFRED, Jr., Secretary.

BRONSON.—On Monday, Nov. 25, SILAS BRONSON, in the 80th year of his age.

Funeral services from the St. Nicholas Hotel at 11 o'clock A. M. this day, (Wednesday,) the 27th inst. Friends of the deceased are respectfully invited to attend.

BUCKMASTER.—On Monday, Nov. 25, ANNIE R., eldest daughter of Wm. P. Buckmaster.

The funeral services will be held in the Church of the Transfiguration, 29th-st., near 5th-av., on Friday at 2 o'clock P. M.

BENEDICT.—In this City, on Monday afternoon, Nov. 25, suddenly, JAMES MILTON BENEDICT, in the 54th year of his age.

The relatives and friends of the family are respectfully invited to attend the funeral on Friday morning, the 29th inst., at 10 o'clock, at the University-place Presbyterian Church, corner of 10th-st. The remains will be taken to Tarrytown for interment.

CROSS.—At his late residence, in Brooklyn, on Monday morning, Nov. 25, after a painful illness, Hon. JOHN A. CROSS, in the 64th year of his age.

Relatives and friends of the family are respectfully invited to attend his funeral from St. Mary's P. E. Church, Classon-av., near Myrtle-av., Brooklyn, on Wednesday, the 27th inst., at 2 P. M., without further invitation. The remains will be interred in Greenwood Cemetery.

CASTNER.—In Brooklyn, on Tuesday, Nov. 26, JULIA ELIZABETH, only daughter of Samuel and Julia Castner, aged 1 year and 28 days.

The friends and acquaintances are respectfully invited to attend the funeral from the residence of her parents, No. 187 Union-st., on Thursday, Nov. 28, at 2 o'clock.

☞ Philadelphia papers please copy.

DE GROVE.—At Rye, on Tuesday, Nov. 26, SARAH JANE DE GROVE.

Her relatives and friends of the family, officers and teachers of Grammar School No. 13, are invited to attend her funeral from the residence of her uncle, Noah Tompkins, on Friday, the 29th inst., at 1 o'clock P. M. Carriages will be in attendance at the Mamaroneck Station to meet the 9 and 11¼ A. M. trains from the corner of 4th-av. and 27th-st.

GARDNER.—At Schoharie, on Tuesday, Nov. 19, ELI P. GARDNER, in the 80th year of his age.

HORTON.—At Milton, Rye, N. Y., on Sunday evening, Nov. 24, JOSEPH HORTON, in the 75th year of his age.

Funeral will be attended at the Methodist Episcopal Church, Milton, on Wednesday, the 27th inst., at 1 o'clock P. M.

HILL.—At Okehampton, Devon, England, on Sunday, Nov. 10, Dr. T. MILNE HILL, son-in-law of A. J. Peniston, Esq., of this City, in the 33d year of his age.

LUDLUM.—At Jamaica, L. I., on Monday morning, Nov. 25, JULIA B., wife of Wm. H. Ludlum, in the 48th year of her age.

The relatives and friends of the family are invited to attend the funeral on Thursday, the 28th inst., from the Presbyterian Church, at Jamaica, L. I., at 2 o'clock P. M. Trains leave Hunter's Point at 11½ and East New-York at 11¾ A. M. Carriages will be in waiting on arrival of trains.

MACY.—On Tuesday afternoon, Nov. 26, of typhoid fever, ROBERT S. MACY, son of Charles B. and Lavinia Macy, in the 16th year of his age.

Notice of funeral hereafter.

MCHARG.—In this City, on Tuesday morning, Nov. 26, THEODORE, son of John McHarg, aged 22 years.

His remains will be taken to Albany for interment.

NEWCOMB.—In this City, on Tuesday, Nov. 26, ELMIRA BENTON NEWCOMB, daughter of John H. and Sarah M. Newcomb, of Hyde Park, Dutchess County.

Her relatives and friends are respectfully invited to attend the funeral from the residence of her uncle, Wm. Moir, No. 11 Bethune-st., on Thursday, Nov. 28, at 2 o'clock P. M.

PHYFE.—On Monday morning, Nov. 25, after a lingering illness, ADARIENNE R., only child of Henrietta and Wm. Phyfe, Jr., aged 2 years and 7 months.

The funeral will take place from the residence of Mrs. Chauncy St. John, No. 368 Adelphi-st., Brooklyn, on Wednesday, Nov. 27, at 2 o'clock. Fulton or Green-av. cars from Fulton Ferry.

THOMPSON.—On Monday, Nov. 25, MARY E., widow of the late Edward G. Thompson.

Funeral services will be held at No. 119 East 12th-st., between 4th and 3d avs., to-day, (Wednesday,) at 2 o'clock P. M.

WHEELER.—Suddenly, on Sunday morning, Nov. 24, PERCY CLIFFORD, youngest son of Wm. A. and Cornelia B. Wheeler, in the 11th year of his age.

Relatives and friends of the family are invited to attend the funeral services at the house No. 37 West 26th-st., this day, (Wednesday,) the 27th inst., at 3 P. M., without further notice.

WILLIAMS.—In Brooklyn, on Tuesday morning, Nov. 26, OLIVER C., son of David and Sarah H. Williams, aged 1 year, 3 months and 3 days.

Funeral this day, (Wednesday,) the 27th inst., at 2 P. M., from Noble-st., near Franklin-st., Greenpoint. Relatives and friends are invited to attend without further notice.

WILLIAMSON.—On Monday evening, Nov. 25, Mrs. JOANNA B. WILLIAMSON, relict of William Ricketts Williamson, of Elizabeth City, N. J.

Notice of the funeral hereafter.

WALLIS.—At the Home for Incurables, West Farms, on Monday, Nov. 25, EDWARD WALLIS, native of England, in the 42d year of his age.

Funeral from the Home this day, (Wednesday,) at 3½ P. M.

WICKES.—On Sunday morning, Nov. 24, at Geneva, N. Y., REBECCA J., wife of William W. Wickes, and daughter of R. J. Hutchinson, of Brooklyn.

The relatives and friends of the family are invited to attend her funeral on Wednesday, the 27th inst., at 3 o'clock, from No. 128 Columbia-st., Brooklyn.

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OFFICE OF THE TRUSTEES OF UREDITORS AND STOCKHOLDERS OF THE OHIO AND MISSISSIPPI RAILROAD COMPANY, (EASTERN DIVISION.) NO. 68 WALL-ST., NEW-YORK, Oct. 17, 1867.

THE TRANSFER BOOKS OF THIS TRUST will be finally closed on Saturday, the 30th day of November, 1867, at 2 o'clock P. M., preparatory to the conversion of Trustees' certificates into stock of the reorganized and consolidated corporation, to be called the Ohio and Mississippi Railway Company.

To the persons or parties, or their legal representatives, in whose names Trustees' certificates shall be registered on said 30th day of November, and upon the surrender and cancellation of the same, certificates of stock will be issued as follows: Preferred Stock (full paid) for preferred certificates, and common stock (full paid) for common certificates, at the rate of one share for every $100 of Trustees' certificates, and scrip for fractional parts of such share.

Preferred certificates from Jan. 1, 1867, to the day fixed for conversion, to be paid in cash.

By order of the Trustees.

ALLAN CAMPBELL, Chairman.

OFFICE OF THE PACIFIC MAIL STEAMSHIP COMPANY, NEW-YORK, Nov. 20, 1867—2 o'clock P. M.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT the Inspectors of Election for Directors of this Company, having been served with injunctions by the Courts, prohibiting them from holding such election, have accordingly postponed the said election until MONDAY, Dec. 16, 1867, between the hours of 12 M. and 3 o'clock P. M., at the Company's office.

FREDERICK BILLINGS,
ISAAC C. TAYLOR,
RUFUS G. BEARDSLEE,
Inspectors.

CENTRAL COAL MINING AND MANUFACTURING CO., Nos. 15 AND 17 TRINITY BUILDING, NEW-YORK, Nov. 9, 1867.

THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE stockholders of this Company for the election of Directors, will be held at the Company's office in the City of New-York, on TUESDAY, Dec. 17, 1867.

The polls will be open from 12 o'clock M. to 2 o'clock P. M. The transfer books will be closed from Nov. 22 to Dec. 13, inclusive.

By order of the Board.

F. P. WHITE, Sec'y.

UNION PACIFIC RAILWAY COMPANY, EASTERN DIVISION, Office No. 424 Walnut-st., PHILADELPHIA, Nov. 22, 1867.

THE INTEREST IS GOLD ON THE First Mortgage Bonds of the UNION PACIFIC RAILWAY COMPANY, Eastern Division, due Dec. 1, 1867, will be paid on presentation of the coupons at the banking-house of DABNEY, MORGAN & CO., No. 53 Exchange-place, New-York, On and after that date.

WM. J. PALMER, Treasurer.

OFFICE OF THE NEW-YORK CENTRAL RAILROAD CO., ALBANY, Nov. 2, 1867.

THE ANNUAL ELECTION FOR DIRECTORS of this Company, and for three Inspectors of the next Election, will be held at the office of the Company, in the Exchange, in the City of Albany, on the second WEDNESDAY (the 11th) of December next. The poll will be open at 11 o'clock in the forenoon, and will continue open for two hours thereafter.

By order of the Board of Directors,

ROBERT L. BANKS, Secretary.

THE NEW-YORK CENTRAL RAILROAD COMPANY, TREASURER'S OFFICE, ALBANY, Nov. 2, 1867.

THE TRANSFER BOOKS OF THIS Company will be closed at the close of business on SATURDAY, the 9th day of November instant, preparatory to the annual election for Directors of the Company, appointed to be held on the 11th day of December next, and will be reopened on the morning of THURSDAY, the 12th day of December next.

E. D. WORCESTER, Treasurer.

OFFICE OF THE FARMERS' LOAN AND TRUST CO., No. 26 EXCHANGE-PLACE, CORNER WILLIAM-ST., NEW-YORK, Nov. 25, 1867.

THE COUPONS DUE 1ST PROXIMO ON the first mortgage bonds, Eastern Division of the Toledo, Peoria and Warsaw Railroad Company will be paid on presentation at this office on and after that date.

R. G. ROLSTON, President.

KNOWLTON MINING COMPANY, No. 44 EXCHANGE-PLACE, NEW-YORK, Dec. 5, 1867.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT AN assessment of ONE DOLLAR PER SHARE has been levied on the Capital Stock of the Knowlton Mining Company, payable at No. 44 Exchange-place, on or before Monday, Dec. 9, 1867. By order of the Director.

F. W. CAPEN, Treasurer.

THE STOCKHOLDERS OF "THE PROprietors of the City of Brunswick" are requested to attend a meeting to be held at the office of the Company, No. 49 Exchange-place, Room No. 16, on SATURDAY, 30th November, at 12 M., for the purpose of considering measures important to the interests of the Company.

By order of the Board of Directors.

J. B. F. GRADY, Assistant Secretary.

FOR SALE—$100,000 FIRST MORTGAGE eight per cent. bonds of the Montgomery and Eufaula Railroad Company of Alabama; principal and interest payable in gold. These bonds are a first lien upon the road for $12,000 per mile, and are guaranteed by the State of Alabama.

M. E. JESUP & CO., No. 13 Pine-st.

OFFICE EMPIRE CITY FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, NEW-YORK, Nov. 18, 1867.

AN ELECTION FOR DIRECTORS OF this Company will be held at the Office, No. 102 Broadway, on MONDAY, Dec. 2, 1867, between the hours of 12 M. and 1 P. M. By order

WILLIAM A. BURTIS, Jr., Secretary.

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5-20 C. '65 Jan & July	107⅞	108	May, comp'ds, '65	117⅜	117⅝
5-20 Coupon, '67..	107⅞	108	Aug., comp'ds, '65	116⅛	116⅜
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DIVIDENDS.

THIRTY-EIGHTH DIVIDEND.

OFFICE OF PACIFIC MAIL STEAMSHIP CO., NEW-YORK, Nov. 19, 1867.

Notice is hereby given that the Board of Directors have this day declared a dividend of THREE (3) PER CENT. out of the net earnings of the quarter ending Oct. 31, payable at the Company's Office, Monday, Dec. 2.

The transfer books to open 21st inst., will be closed Saturday, Nov. 23, at 3 o'clock P.M., and reopened Tuesday, Dec. 3, 1867, at 10 A. M.

By order of the Board of Directors.

THEODORE T. JOHNSON, Secretary.

DIVIDEND NOTICE.

Notice is hereby given that the Long Branch and Sea Shore Railroad Co. have this day declared a dividend of 10 per cent. on the capital stock of said Company, free from Government tax, payable to stockholders on demand at the Treasurer's office in Hoboken.

WM. A. MACY, Treasurer.

HOBOKEN, N. J., Nov. 25, 1867.

OFFICE OF THE ATLANTIC MAIL STEAMSHIP CO., No. 5 BOWLING-GREEN, NEW-YORK, Nov. 22, 1867.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT the Board of Directors of this Company have this day declared a dividend of four and one-half per cent. out of the net earnings, payable at the office of the Company, on the 16th day of December next. Transfer books will be closed at 3 P. M., Dec. 2, and reopen Dec. 11.

HENRY J. QUINA, Secretary.

OFFICE OF THE RUTLAND MARBLE COMPANY, No. 49 EXCHANGE-PLACE, NEW-YORK, Nov. 21, 1867.

A DIVIDEND OF TWO AND A HALF per cent. (2½ per cent.) has been declared out of the earnings of this Company, payable on and after the 2d of December, to Stockholders of record on the 27th of November. The transfer-books will be closed on WEDNESDAY, the 27th November, and reopened on MONDAY, the 2d December. By order of the Board.

D. H. MEGIE, Secretary.

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SPENCER K. GREEN, President.

RICHARD KELLY, Secretary.

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R. H. MACY, President.

S. S. CONSTANT, Vice-President.

R. H. BULL, Secretary.

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165 BOWERY.—MME. WIDGER, CLAIRvoyant, tells all you want to know; losses, numbers, diseases, &c.

DRY GOODS

SMILLIE & CO., NO. 763 BROADWAY, BETWEEN 8TH AND 9TH STS.

IMMENSE REDUCTION IN PRICE OF SILKS.

We beg to call the special attention of our customers, and the ladies of New-York and vicinity, to the following

GREAT BARGAINS IN SILKS, which we will offer for sale ON MONDAY, NOV. 25.

At an immense reduction from former market prices.

20 IN. CHECK AND PLAID SILKS, At $1 25, former price $1 75.

22 IN. FANCY STRIPE AND FIGURED SILKS, At $1 75, former price $2 75.

¾ FANCY STRIPE SILKS, At $2, former price $3 75.

22 IN. VERY ELEGANT STRIPED SILKS FOR YOUNG LADIES, At $1 75, former price $2 50.

ELEGANT BLACK CORDED SILKS, At $2 25 and $2 50.

ALSO, just received, another case of our celebrated BLACK CORDED SILKS, At $3, worth $4.

REMNANTS OF SILKS, Less than half prices.

ALSO, ALL OUR WOOLEN DRESS GOODS, Reduced in same proportion.

ALSO, an elegant line of FANCY CLOAKINGS And VELVETEENS, for WALKING AND SKATING SUITS, Just received.

SMILLIE & CO., No. 763 Broadway, Between 8th and 9th sts.

AT JACKSON'S MOURNING-STORE. A full line of BLACK SILKS and IRISH POPLINS will be opened on MONDAY, Nov. 25, consisting of the very best makes, at less than GOLD PRICES. No. 551 BROADWAY.

FALL STYLES.

CURTAIN MATERIALS, FURNITURE COVERINGS, BROCATELS, STRIPED TERRYS AND REPS, CRETONNE CHINTZES, LACE CURTAINS, CORNICES, &c., &c,

FINE LINENS.

SHEETINGS, BLANKETS, QUILTS, &c.

TAYLOR, McGIBBON & CO., NO. 809 BROADWAY, Between 11th and 12th sts.

FRENCH WALKING SUITS,

AT GAYNOR'S.

JUST RECEIVED.

The latest Paris styles, at very low prices.

GAYNOR, Importer, No. 765 Broadway, Between 8th and 9th sts.

CARPETS AND OIL CLOTHS.

FALL STYLES.

SMITH & LOUNSBERY,

No. 456 BROADWAY, NEAR GRAND-ST.,

Have on hand a large and select Stock of NEW DESIRABLE PATTERNS,

which they are offering at Importers' and Manufacturers' prices.

Also, an assortment of Door Mats and Window Shades.

CARPETS MADE UP AND LAID AT SHORT NOTICE.

NEW CLOAK AND DRESSMAKING ROOMS.

MADAM WESCOTT, No. 774 Broadway,

will open on Wednesday, Nov. 20, a handsome assortment of Cloaks, Sacks, Morning Jackets, Ladies' and Children's Walking Suits, Boulevard Skirts, &c. Madame Jerard, from Paris, will superintend the dressmaking department. Ladies' own material made to order.

MACKENZIE'S

CLOAKS, SACKS AND CIRCULARS, (AT REDUCED PRICES,)

In Velvet, Cloth and Plush, at STORMS, THURBER & CO., Manufactory, No. 7 CLINTON-PLACE. Salesroom, No. 751 Broadway.

W. B. MACKENZIE. (Established over 20 years.)

JACKSON'S MOURNING-STORE.

FROM AUCTION.

Five cases of EMPRESS CLOTHS will be sold at less than GOLD PRICES, At 11 o'clock at 75c., 81, 81 12½. One case VERY HEAVY OTTOMAN POPLINS, SUPERIOR MAKE, at $2, worth $3.

No. 551 BROADWAY.

BROOKLYN LADIES

Will find at CANTRELL'S a lot of Heavy Winter Boots, which have been slightly soiled, at the low price of three dollars per pair. No. 813 Broadway, between 11th and 12th sts.

THE GREATEST NOVELTY OF THE SEASON.

SOMETHING ENTIRELY NEW.

Just received, one case of ALASKA CLOTH 54 inches wide, an exact imitation of seal skin, an animal recently found in the newly acquired territory.

W. JACKSON, No. 551 Broadway.

AT GRAND-ST. CHEAP STORE.

FROM AUCTION.

BONNET AND TRIMMING RIBBONS LESS THAN GOLD PRICES.

WHITE, COLORED AND BLACK SILK BONNET VELVETS, $1 50, $1 75, $2, and $2 50, AND UPWARD.

LINES OF SATIN AND BONNET MATERIALS.

LARGEST STOCK OF FEATHERS AND FLOWERS to select from, in this City.

Dress and cloak trimmings, everything fashionable, colored silk velvet ribbons, all shades and widths; prices down.

YANKEE NOTIONS.

Bargains in skirts, leather bags, work boxes, &c., &c.

WM. DOULL,

Ladies' whalebone corsets, 63c., 75c., $1, and $1 50.

EDWARD RIDLEY,

Nos. 309, 311, and 313½ Grand, 66, 68 and 70 Allen-st., Fifth block east from the Bowery.

AT GRAND-ST. CHEAP STORE.

We are selling Kid Gloves at 50c., 75c., $1 and $1 25 per pair.

OUR BEST KIDS ARE WARRANTED.

EMBROIDERIES, LINEN HANDK

SHIPPING.

THE BRITISH AND NORTH AMERICAN
ROYAL MAIL STEAMSHIPS,
BETWEEN NEW-YORK AND LIVERPOOL
CALLING AT CORK HARBOR:
AND
BETWEEN BOSTON AND LIVERPOOL,
CALLING AT HALIFAX AND CORK HARBOR.
SCOTIA leaves New-York, Wednesday, Nov. 27.
CUBA leaves Boston, Wednesday, Dec. 4.
PERSIA leaves New-York, Wednesday, Dec. 11.
CHINA leaves Boston, Wednesday, Dec. 18.
RUSSIA leaves New-York, Wednesday, Dec. 25.
JAVA leaves Boston, Wednesday, Jan. 1.

FROM NEW-YORK TO LIVERPOOL.

Chief Cabin Passage	$150
Second Cabin Passage	80

FROM NEW-YORK TO PARIS

Chief Cabin Passage	$165

FROM BOSTON TO LIVERPOOL.

Chief Cabin Passage	$125
Second Cabin Passage	70

Payable in Gold.
Berths not secured until paid for.
An experienced surgeon on board.
The owners of these ships will not be accountable for specie or valuables unless bills of lading having the value expressed are signed therefor.
For freight or passage apply to
E. CUNARD, No. 4 Bowling-green.

PASSENGERS PER SCOTIA AND IBERIA embark from the Company's Wharf, Jersey City, at 1 P. M., Wednesday, 27th inst. E. CUNARD, No. 4 Bowling Green.

ONLY DIRECT LINE TO FRANCE.

THE GENERAL TRANSATLANTIC COMPANY'S MAIL STEAMSHIPS BETWEEN NEW-YORK AND HAVRE, CALLING AT BREST.
The splendid new vessels on this favorite route for the Continent will sail from Pier No. 50 North River, as follows:

ST. LAURENT	BOCANDE	SATURDAY, Nov. 30
PEREIRE	DUCHESNE	SATURDAY, Dec. 14
VILLE DE PARIS	SURMONT	SATURDAY, Dec. 28
EUROPE	LEMARIE	SATURDAY, Jan. 11

PRICE OF PASSAGE IN GOLD, (including wine,) TO BREST OR HAVRE,
First cabin, $160; second cabin, $85.
TO PARIS,
including railway tickets, furnished on board,
First cabin, $165; second cabin $88.
These steamers do not carry steerage passengers.
Medical attendance free of charge.
American travelers going to or returning from the continent of Europe, by taking the steamers of this line, avoid unnecessary risks from transit by English railways and crossing the channel, besides saving time, trouble and expense.
GEO. MACKENZIE, Agent, No. 58 Broadway.

CUNARD LINE OF EXTRA STEAMERS,
BETWEEN NEW-YORK AND LIVERPOOL, CALLING AT QUEENSTOWN.
FROM NEW-YORK EVERY WEDNESDAY

SIDON	Nov. 20
TIBERIA	Nov. 27

RATES OF PASSAGE:

Cabin	$80 Gold.
Steerage	$25 Currency.

Steerage tickets from Liverpool or Queenstown $35 currency.
For Steerage Passage, apply at No. 69 Broadway.
For Freight and Cabin Passage, at No. 4 Bowling-green. E. CUNARD.

NEW-YORK & BREMEN STEAMSHIP CO.

THE CHEAPEST LINE.
Steamships ATLANTIC, BALTIC and WESTERN METROPOLIS,
FOR SOUTHAMPTON, HAVRE AND BREMEN.
First cabin $110; second cabin $65; steerage $35, Gold.
RELIONA, Capt. DIXON, from New-York, Jan. 11.
The elegant British iron steamship WM. PENN will leave Pier No. 3, North River, for London direct, on SATURDAY, Nov. 30, at 12 M.
Freight will be taken and through bills of lading given to Havre, Antwerp, Rotterdam, Amsterdam, and Dunkirk.
For passage apply to ROBERT N. CLARK, No. 26 Broadway.
For freight apply at No. 54 South-st.
HOWLAND & ASPINWALL, Agents.

LIVERPOOL AND GREAT WESTERN STEAM COMPANY.

The following FIRST-CLASS IRON STEAMSHIPS, built expressly for the New-York trade, are intended to run regularly between NEW-YORK AND LIVERPOOL, calling at QUEENSTOWN, viz:
MANHATTAN, MINNESOTA,
CHICAGO, NEBRASKA,
with other first-class steamers building. To sail
NEBRASKA ..... WEDNESDAY, Nov. 27
MANHATTAN ..... WEDNESDAY, Dec. 4
MINNESOTA ..... WEDNESDAY, Dec. 18
From Pier No. 37 East River.
Cabin, (the accommodations being equal to any Atlantic steamer,) $85, gold; return tickets, $150, gold; in steerage, $25, currency.
Tickets to bring out passengers from Europe can be obtained on reasonable terms. For freight or passage apply to WILLIAMS & GUION, No. 71 Wall-st.
For steerage passage to
WILLIAMS & GUION, No. 29 Broadway.

THE NATIONAL LINE.

Steamers weekly to Liverpool and Queenstown, leaving Pier No. 47 North River, every SATURDAY

ERIN, HALL	SATURDAY, Nov. 30
PENNSYLVANIA, LEWIS	SATURDAY, Dec. 7
FRANCE, GRACE	SATURDAY, Dec. 14
GREECE, PROWSE	SATURDAY, Dec. 21

Cabin passage, payable in currency, $100.
Steerage passage to Liverpool or Queenstown, $25 in currency.
Steerage tickets from Liverpool or Queenstown $35 in currency.
For further particulars apply at the office of the Company, Nos. 57 and 27 Broadway, or No. 73 Broadway.
W. J. HURST, Manager.

SAFETY, SPEED AND COMFORT,
FURTHER REDUCTION IN PASSAGE RATES.
Favorite passenger steamers of the ANCHOR LINE sail every SATURDAY with passengers for
LIVERPOOL, GLASGOW AND DERRY.
HIBERNIA, MURRAY ..... SATURDAY, Nov. 30.
EUROPA, CRAIG, SATURDAY, Dec. 7.
UNITED KINGDOM, DONALDSON, SATURDAY, Dec. 14.
From Pier No. 6 North River, at noon.
Rates of passage, payable in currency:
To Liverpool, Glasgow and Derry, cabins, $90 and $75, according to location.
Excursion tickets, good for twelve months, $1 60.
Intermediate, $35; Steerage, $25.
Prepaid certificates from these ports, $35.
Passengers booked to and from Hamburg, Rotterdam, Antwerp, Havre, &c., at very low rates.
For further information apply at the Company's office, No. 5 Bowling-green, New-York.
FRANCIS MACDONALD & CO., Agents.
To avoid imposition, passengers will please come direct to the office, as this Company does not employ runners.

STEAM TO LIVERPOOL — CALLING AT QUEENSTOWN.—The Inman Line, sailing semi-weekly, carrying the United States Mails:
CITY OF WASHINGTON ..... SATURDAY ..... Nov. 30
CITY OF PARIS ..... SATURDAY ..... Dec. 7
ÆTNA ..... SATURDAY ..... Dec. 14
CITY OF BOSTON ..... SATURDAY ..... Dec. 21
CITY OF LIMERICK ..... SATURDAY ..... Dec. 28
and each succeeding SATURDAY and WEDNESDAY, at noon, from Pier No. 45 North River.

RATES OF PASSAGE

By the mail steamer sailing every Saturday.

PAYABLE IN GOLD.	PAYABLE IN CURRENCY.
First Cabin $100	Steerage $30
First Cabin to London.. 105	Steerage to London 35
First Cabin to Paris 115	Steerage to Paris 40

Passage by the Wednesday steamers, first cabin, $110; steerage, $30. Payable in United States Currency.
Passengers also forwarded to Havre, Hamburg, Bremen, &c., at moderate rates.
Steerage passage from Liverpool or Queenstown, $40 currency. Tickets can be bought here by persons sending for their friends.
For further information, apply at the Company's offices.
JOHN G. DALE, Agent,
No. 15 Broadway, New-York.
Philadelphia office, No. 411 Chestnut-st.

PASSAGE TO AND FROM
GREAT BRITAIN AND IRELAND
BY STEAMSHIP AND SAILING PACKET,
AT REDUCED RATES.
DRAFTS AVAILABLE THROUGHOUT ENGLAND, IRELAND, SCOTLAND AND WALES.
For particulars apply to
TAPSCOTT, BROTHERS & CO.,
No. 86 South-st. and No. 23 Broadway.

FOR ST. THOMAS AND BRAZIL.
UNITED STATES AND BRAZIL MAIL STEAMSHIP COMPANY.
REGULAR MAIL STEAMERS sailing on the 23d of every month:
GUIDING STAR, Capt. GEO. B. SLOCUM, Dec. 23.
NORTH AMERICA, Capt. L. F. TINKHAM, Jan. 23.
SOUTH AMERICA, Capt. E. L. TINKLEPAUGH, Feb. 23.
These elegant steamers sail on schedule time, and call at St. Thomas, Para, Pernambuco, Bahia and Rio de Janeiro, going and returning. For engagement of freight or passage, apply to GARRISON & ALLEN, Agents, No. 5 Bowling-green, New-York.

BALTIMORE AND HAVANA STEAMSHIP COMPANY.
FOR HAVANA AND NEW-ORLEANS VIA KEY WEST.
The steamship LIBERTY will sail for the above ports on TUESDAY, Dec. 3, at 3 o'clock P. M. Passengers leaving New-York in the evening of the day previous to sailing will connect with the steamer.
For freight or passage, having splendid accommodations, apply to
HENRY M. WARFIELD & CO., Agent,
No. 16 Spear's Wharf.

FOR HAVANA, VIA NASSAU, N. P.
The British and North American Royal Mail Steam Packet Company's new steamer CORSICA, Capt. LEMESURIER, will sail for the above ports from the Company's wharf, at Jersey City, at noon on
MONDAY, Dec. 2.

Passage money to Nassau $45
Passage money to Havana 50
Payable in gold.
For freight or passage apply to
E. CUNARD, No. 4 Bowling Green.

UNITED STATES MAIL TO HAVANA.
ATLANTIC MAIL STEAMSHIP COMPANY.
SAILING REGULARLY EVERY THURSDAY, AT 3 O'CLOCK P. M. PRECISELY, FROM PIER No. 4, NORTH RIVER.
MORRO CASTLE, Capt. RICH. ADAMS, Nov. 28.
COLUMBIA, Capt. D. B. BARTON, Dec. 5.
EAGLE, Capt. M. R. GREENE, Dec. 12.
For freight or passage, apply to
GEO. H. HARTSON, President,
No. 5 Bowling-green, New-York.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT A contract has been concluded with the Atlantic Mail Steamship Company, and that the Royal Mail Service between New-York and Nassau, Bahamas and Havana, will on and after the 30th day of January, 1868, be performed by that Company.
T. DARLING,
B. LE BRETON,
Commissioners.

FOR HAVANA—CARRYING THE UNITED STATES MAIL.—The well-known fast sailing side-wheel steamship BIENVILLE, J. B. BAKER, Commander, will sail for the above port, from Pier No. 28 North River, on SATURDAY, Nov. 30, at 3 P. M.
Freight on measurement goods, 30 cents per foot. Freight on weight goods, 1 cent per lb.
Passage money, $65 in currency.
For freight or passage, having unsurpassed accommodations, apply to LIVINGSTON, FOX & CO., No. 88 Liberty-st.

LISAL AND VERA CRUZ.
MEXICAN MAIL STEAMSHIP LINE,
Carrying the United States Mails.
The first-class iron steamship
VIRGINIA,
W. S. SHERWOOD, Commander,
will leave Pier No. 43, East River,
MONDAY, Dec. 2,
AT 3 P. M.,
for the above ports.
Freight and passage office, 56 Broadway.
E. W. TURNER, Agent.

UNITED STATES PASSPORT BUREAU.—U. States passports indispensable to travelers, issued by J. B. JONES, Passport Agent, 283 Broadway.

SHIPPING.

PACIFIC MAIL STEAMSHIP COMPANY'S
THROUGH LINE TO
CALIFORNIA AND CHINA,
CARRYING UNITED STATES MAIL
VIA PANAMA RAILROAD.
FREIGHT AND PASSAGE AT GREATLY REDUCED RATES.
Steamers leave Pier No. 42 north river, foot of Canal-st., at 12 o'clock, noon, as follows:
Nov. 30—ARIZONA, Capt. MAURY, connecting with MONTANA, Capt. FARNSWORTH.
Dec. 11—HENRY CHAUNCEY, Capt. GRAY, connecting with GOLDEN CITY, Capt. LAPIDGE.
Dec. 21—RISING STAR, Capt. CONNER, connecting with SACRAMENTO, Capt. PARKER.
100 pounds baggage allowed free to each adult passenger. Medicines and attendance free.
All departures touch at Acapulco; those of 1st and 21st connect at Panama with steamers for South Pacific ports; 1st and 11th for Central American Ports, and those of 1st touch at Manzanillo.
Departure of 11th of each month connects with the new steam line from Panama to Australia and New-Zealand.
FOR JAPAN AND CHINA.
Steamer of Nov. 11 connects closely with steamer GREAT REPUBLIC, from San Francisco, Dec. 4; at Yokohama with steamers NEW YORK, for Hong Kong, and COSTA RICA, for Nagasaki and Shanghae.
For passage tickets and all further information apply at the office on the wharf, foot of Canal-st., North River, New-York. F. R. BABY, Agent.

OPPOSITION LINE TO CALIFORNIA.
VIA NICARAGUA.
REDUCED RATES OF PASSAGE AND FREIGHT.
The fast and elegant steamship
SAN FRANCISCO,
Capt. ELISHA HOWES,
will be dispatched by the North American Steamship Company on THURSDAY, Dec. 5, at noon, from Pier No. 29 North River, foot of Warren-st., connecting on the Pacific with the favorite steamer
MOSES TAYLOR,
Capt. S. BLETHEN.
The accommodations on these steamers are unsurpassed by those of any steamers afloat.
For passage or freight apply to
D. N. CARRINGTON, Agent,
No. 177 West-st., corner Warren-st., New-York.
WM. H. WEBB, President.
No. 54 Exchange-place.
CHAS. DANA, Vice-President.

FOR CALIFORNIA VIA PANAMA,
REDUCED RATES OF FREIGHT.
The Pacific Mail Steamship Company's steamer ARIZONA will sail on SATURDAY, Nov. 30, at 12 o'clock noon.
Freight received until Friday, Nov. 29, at 3 P. M.
For rates, &c., inquire at freight office on Company's Pier, No. 42 North River, foot of Canal-st.
WELLS, FARGO & CO.,
Sole Freight Agents P. M. S. S. Co.

FOR NORFOLK AND PORTSMOUTH,
OLD DOMINION STEAMSHIP COMPANY.
One of the elegant steamships of this Company will leave Pier No. 37 North River, foot of Beach-st., every TUESDAY, THURSDAY and SATURDAY, at 3 P. M. Connecting with the seaboard and Roanoke Railroad and the Virginia and Tennessee Air Line, and their connections.
For freight or passage apply to
N. L. McCREADY, President,
No. 187 Greenwich-st., corner of Dey-st.
Bills of lading signed on the pier.

FOR SAVANNAH, GA.
EVERY THURSDAY.
REDUCED RATES OF FREIGHT.
Measurement goods, 5 cents per cubic foot.
Weight goods, 50 cents per 100 pounds.
Flour, 25 cents per barrel.
Special articles, one-quarter tariff rates.
The Atlantic Coast Mail Steamship Company's side-wheel steamship
GEN. BARNES, Capt. MORTON, sails THURSDAY, Nov. 28.
HERMAN LIVINGSTON, Capt. EATON, sails THURSDAY, Dec. 5.
From Pier No. 36 North River, at 3 P. M. precisely, giving through passage tickets over the Central Railroad of Georgia, and Atlantic and Gulf Railroad, to points in the interior, and by Florida steamers to points on the coast of Florida.
For freight or passage apply to
LIVINGSTON, FOX & CO., Agents,
No. 88 Liberty-st.

FOR SAVANNAH, GA.
BLACK STAR INDEPENDENT LINE.
Steamship MONTGOMERY, LYONS, Commander, leaves SATURDAY, Nov. 30.
Steamship WILMINGTON, CROWELL, Commander, leaves SATURDAY, Dec. 7.
At 3 P. M., from Pier No. 13 North River.
R. LOWDEN, Agent. No. 93 West-st.

FOR CHARLESTON, S. C., AND FLORIDA PORTS—PEOPLE'S MAIL STEAMSHIP COMPANY.
E. B. SOUDER, Capt. LEBBY, FRIDAY, Nov. 29;
MONEKA, Capt. SHACKFORD, THURSDAY, Dec. 5,
From Pier No. 4 North River, at 3 P. M. Through passage tickets and bills of lading issued to all points South, in connection with the South Carolina Railroad.
For freight or passage apply to
WHEELER & LINNARD, Agents, 13 Broadway.

SPECIAL NOTICE.—THURSDAY BEING A holiday, the steamer E. B. SOUDER will sail for CHARLESTON, S. C., on FRIDAY, Nov. 29, at 3 P. M., from Pier No. 4 N. R. WHEELER & LINNARD, No. 13 Broadway.

REGULAR LINE FOR CHARLESTON, FLORIDA PORTS AND THE SOUTH AND SOUTHWEST. Freight 10c. per foot.
FIRST CABIN PASSAGE $15.
The fast and popular steamship M. STANZAS, J. RYDER, Commander, will sail on SATURDAY, Nov. 30, at 3 P. M., from Pier No. 14 E. R., foot of Wall-st. Agents at Charleston will forward all goods free of commission. ARTHUR LEARY, No. 73 William-st.
Steamer SARAGOSSA will follow Dec. 7.

FOR NEW-ORLEANS DIRECT — THE CROMWELL LINE.—Steamships of this line will leave Pier No. 9, N. R., at 3 o'clock P. M. as follows:
GEO. CROMWELL, SATURDAY, Nov. 30.
SHERMAN, WEDNESDAY, Dec. 4.
GEO. WASHINGTON, SATURDAY, Dec. 7.
For passage or freight, apply to
CROMWELL & CO., No. 86 West-st.

FOR NEW-ORLEANS VIA HAVANA.—Atlantic Coast Mail Steamship Company's new and first-class light-draft side-wheel steamship BIENVILLE, Capt. BAKER, will leave Pier No. 36 North River, for the above port on SATURDAY, Nov. 30, at 3 P. M.
For freight or passage, having unsurpassed accommodations, apply to
LIVINGSTON, FOX & CO., No. 88 Liberty-st.

STAR LINE FOR NEW-ORLEANS.—THE NEW-YORK MAIL STEAMSHIP COMPANY'S fine ocean steamers will leave Pier No. 46 North River, at 3 P. M., as follows:
MARIPOSA, on SATURDAY, Nov. 30.
All through bills of lading signed at the office upon the pier.
For freight or passage apply to GEO. H. HARTSON, President, No. 5 Bowling-green.

REGULAR LINE
FOR GALVESTON, TEXAS.
FIRST STEAMER.
The favorite steamship
PERIT,
E. A. DELANOY, Commander,
is now loading at Pier No. 4 North River, and will positively leave for Galveston on SATURDAY, Nov. 30, at 3 o'clock P. M. precisely.
For freight or passage, having superior accommodations, apply to
SPOFFORD, TILESTON & CO.,
No. 29 Broadway.
No charge for drays to Galveston.
Goods forwarded to the interior by railroad; also, goods forwarded to Indianola and Lavaca without charge.

MOBILE, GALVESTON AND LAVACA.—The steamship BIENVILLE, leaving Pier No. 36 North River on SATURDAY, Nov. 30, at 3 P. M., will receive freight for the above ports, to be reshipped at New-Orleans per Morgan's line of steamers without expense at New-Orleans.
For rates of freight apply to
LIVINGSTON, FOX & CO., No. 88 Liberty-st.

STEAMBOATS.

BRISTOL LINE.
FOR
BOSTON AND PROVIDENCE,
VIA BRISTOL, R. I.
FROM PIER NO. 40 NORTH RIVER.
The magnificent steamers BRISTOL, Capt. BRAYTON, and PERRY, Capt. SIMMONS, at 4 P. M. daily.
Only one hour and thirty minutes by rail from Bristol to Boston. Arriving in Boston in ample time to connect with Northern and Eastern trains.
These steamers are the largest, staunchest and most elegant ever placed upon the American waters. In the number and size of their state-rooms, and extent and splendor of their accommodations, they are unrivaled.
Tickets sold and staterooms secured at the office, on Pier No. 40 North River, near foot of Canal-st. Also, tickets sold and baggage checked through at the office of Westcott's Express Company, No. 1 Park-place, Nos. 786 and 945 Broadway; Harlem Railroad Depot, 26th-st. and 4th-av.; Hudson River Railroad Depot, 30th-st. and 9th-av., New-York; No. 269 Washington-st., Brooklyn.
By purchasing tickets at any of these offices, baggage can be checked from residence to destination.
GEO. W. TIERS, Agent.
C. BRIGGS, General Manager.

SHREWSBURY, LONG BRANCH AND RED BANK.
The favorite steamboat MKTA will leave pier foot of Barclay-st., short pier, as follows:

LEAVE NEW-YORK.	LEAVE RED BANK.
Saturday, Nov. 30, 1:30 P. M.	Friday, Nov. 29, 12 M.
Tuesday, Nov. 26, 2 P. M.	Monday, Nov. 25, 7 A. M.
Thursday, Nov. 28, 6:30 A. M.	Wednes., Nov. 27, 7:30 A. M.
Saturday, Nov. 30, 10 A. M.	Friday, Nov. 29, 7:30 A. M.
Tuesday, Dec. 3, 11 A. M.	Monday, Dec. 2, 7:30 A. M.

FOR SHREWSBURY AND LONG BRANCH.—The strong and commodious steamboat SEA BIRD, Capt. H. B. PARKER, will leave foot of Chambers-st. Fare reduced to 25 cents.

LEAVE NEW-YORK.	LEAVE RED BANK.
Saturday, Nov. 16, 10:30 A. M.	Monday, Nov. 18, 8:30 A. M.
Tuesday, Nov. 19, 1:30 P. M.	Wednesday, 20th, 10 A. M.
Thursday, Nov. 21, 2 P. M.	Friday, Nov. 22, 1 P. M.
Saturday, Nov. 23, 1 P. M.	Monday, Nov. 25, 1 A. M.
Monday, Nov. 25, 2 P. M.	Tuesday, Nov. 26, 7:30 A. M.
Tuesday, Nov. 26, 2:30 P. M.	Wednesday, 27th, 8 A. M.
Thursday, Nov. 28, 3:30 A. M.	Friday, Nov. 29, 8 A. M.
Saturday, Nov. 30, 10 A. M.	Monday, Dec. 2, 8 A. M.

CHANGE OF HOUR.
The New-Haven Trans. Co.'s steamers will leave pier 26 E. R., daily, on and after Monday, Nov. 4, at 4 P. M., instead of 5 as heretofore. Saturday night at 12, as usual.

LLOYD'S DOCK, (HUNTINGTON,) OYSTER BAY, (EAST NORWICH,) UNION DOCK, (BAYVILLE,) AND NORTHPORT.—On and after WEDNESDAY, Nov. 6, the steamer D. R. MARTIN, Capt. SAML. E. UNDERHILL, leaves Pier No. 34 East River (Catharine-st.) at 3½ P. M. and foot of 37th-st., East River, at 3:40 P. M. daily, for Lloyd's Dock and Oyster Bay; Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays for Northport; Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays for Union Dock (Bayville.)

FOR NEW-HAVEN, HARTFORD AND THE NORTH.—Steamers leave Peck-slip for New-Haven at 5:15 and 11 P. M., connecting with the railroad.

FOREIGN HOTELS.

ROYAL VICTORIA HOTEL,
NASSAU, N. P., BAHAMAS.
This house is now open for the accommodation of guests.
A new steamer will succeed the *Cygnet* in January next, landing passengers at the wharf. Persons wishing to spend the Winter months in Nassau can address TUNNELL & LOMAS, Proprietors.

RAILROADS.

LONG ISLAND RAILROAD.
WINTER ARRANGEMENT—CHANGE OF TIME.
Leave James-slip:
9 A. M., mail train, for Greenport and all way-stations, connecting at Mineola with trains for Glen Cove and Hempstead.
11 A. M. Syosset passenger trains and all way-stations.
3 P. M., Express train for Riverhead.
4 P. M., Syosset and Glen Cove passenger train and all way-stations.
5 P. M., Farmingdale and Hempstead, passenger train, and for North Islip SATURDAYS only.
Sunday excursion train leaves Hunter's Point 9:15 A. M., arrives at Hunter's Point at 4:40 P. M. To take effect Nov. 4, 1867.
L. D. BARTON, Superintendent.

NOTICE—THE EXPRESS TRAIN LEAVING New-York at 3 o'clock P. M. will run through to Greenport on Wednesday, Nov. 27, 1867.

PEIPHER'S DAILY LINE OF TRANSPORTATION.
On and after Nov. 1, 1867, the Peiphers' Daily Line will receive and transport goods and merchandise to Harrisburgh and stations thereon, from the depot of the Morris and Essex Railroad Company, Pier No. 26 North River. All goods received up to 4 o'clock P. M. will be forwarded the same day. Freight taken at lowest rates and forwarded with dispatch.
Mark goods "Via Peipher daily line to Harrisburgh, Penn."
J. B. MONTGOMERY,
Proprietor Peipher Line.

HUDSON RIVER AND HARLEM RAILROADS.—On and after MONDAY, Nov. 25, 1867, trains leave Albany and Troy, connecting with Northern and Western trains, will leave New-York as follows:
8 A. M. Express train, via Hudson River Railroad, 30th-st. and 10th-av., through to Buffalo and Suspension Bridge without change of cars, and connecting at Troy with trains for Saratoga, Rutland, Burlington and the North.
10 A. M. Express train via Hudson River Railroad, connecting at Albany with trains for the West, and at Troy with trains for the North.
11 A. M. Express train via Harlem Railroad, 26th-st. and 4th-av., connecting at Chatham with Western Railroad for Lebanon Springs, Pittsfield, &c., at Albany with Western trains, and at Troy with trains for Saratoga, Grand Island, Burlington and Rutland.
3:45 P. M. Express train via Hudson River Railroad, connecting at Albany with Western trains, and at Troy with trains for Montreal, with sleeping-car attached.
4:30 P. M. Express train via Harlem Railroad, connecting at Chatham with Western Railroad for Lebanon Springs, Pittsfield, &c.; and at Albany with Western trains. Sleeping-cars run from Albany.
6:30 P. M. Express train via Hudson River Railroad, with sleeping-cars attached, and through to Buffalo and Suspension Bridge without change of cars. Also sleeping-car every day excepting Saturday attached from New-York through to Ogdensburgh without change, via Rome, W. and O. Railroad. Connection for Troy will be made at East Albany. This train will run on Sundays.
11 P. M. Train via Hudson River Railroad, with sleeping-cars attached, connecting at Albany with early trains for Buffalo and Suspension Bridge, and at Troy with trains for Saratoga and points North.
A Sunday train will be run via Hudson River Railroad from New-York to Poughkeepsie and intermediate stations, leaving New-York at 9 A. M. Returning, leave Poughkeepsie at 3 P. M., arriving in New-York at 8:40.
Also, a Sunday train via Harlem Railroad, leaving 42d-st. at 9 A. M., and arriving at Millerton at 3:40 P. M. Returning, leave Millerton at 4:30 P. M., arriving in New-York at 12 M.
WM. H. VANDERBILT, Vice-President.

ERIE RAILWAY.—TRAINS LEAVE DEPOT foot of Chambers-st., Pavonia Ferry:
8 A. M.—Day Express for Rochester, Buffalo, Salamanca, Dunkirk and all points West and South.
8:30 A. M.—Way Train daily for Otisville and intermediate stations.
10 A. M.—Express Mail, for Buffalo, Salamanca, Dunkirk, and all points West and South.
3:30 P. M.—Way Train for Middletown and intermediate stations.
4:30 P. M.—Way Express, stopping only at Sterling Junction, Turner's, and stations west of Turner's, to Port Jervis, Newburgh and Warwick.
5 P. M.—Way Train for Suffern and intermediate stations.
5:30 P. M.—Night Express for Rochester, Buffalo, Salamanca, Dunkirk and all points South and West.
6 P. M.—Way Train for Suffern and intermediate stations.
6:30 P. M.—Night Express, daily, for Rochester, Buffalo, Salamanca, Dunkirk and all points West and South. By this train sleeping-coaches will run through to Cincinnati without change.
8 P. M.—Emigrant Train daily, for the West.
Also, Way Trains for Boiling Spring, Passaic and Paterson at 6:45 and 9:15 A. M., 12 M. and 1:45, 4, 6:45 and 11 P. M. On Wednesday nights a Theatre Train at 12 o'clock for Suffern and intermediate stations.
SUNDAY TRAINS—8:30 A. M. Way Train for Otisville; 12 M. and 5 P. M. for Paterson; 6:30 P. M. Night Express for Dunkirk, Buffalo, Rochester, Salamanca and all points West and South; 11 P. M. for Paterson and Port Jervis.
Express Trains run through to Salamanca, Dunkirk and Buffalo without change of coaches, and in direct connection with all Southern and Western lines.
Perfect ventilated and luxurious sleeping coaches accompany all Night Trains.
Tickets can be obtained at the Company's offices, No. 241 Broadway; depot foot of Chambers-st., New-York, and Long Dock Depot, Jersey City.
WM. K. BARR, H. RIDDLE,
Gen'l Pass. Agent. Gen'l Sup't.

ADRIAN H. MULLER, Auctioneer.
AUCTION SALE OF WATER FRONT PROPERTY AT JERSEY CITY—ADRIAN H. MULLER, P. R. WILKINS & CO. will sell at auction on SATURDAY, Dec. 7, 1867, at 12 o'clock, at the Exchange Salesroom, No. 111 Broadway, by order of the BOARD OF DIRECTORS, the valuable water front property of the HUDSON RIVER CEMENT COMPANY, located at Jersey City, near Jersey City Ferry, being 234 feet front and about 1,200 feet deep. Information in regard to the property can be obtained from J. H. BUTTS, Secretary, on the premises. Possession given immediately. Terms made known on the day of sale.
J. COLB, Auctioneer.
VALUABLE FARMS AT NEW-UTRECHT, L. I.—JAMES COLE'S SON will sell on WEDNESDAY, Nov. 27, 1867, at 12 o'clock, at the Commercial Exchange, No. 769 Fulton-st., corner of Nevins-st., Brooklyn, a valuable farm of 13 acres, situated on the road from Flatbush to New-Utrecht. Also, 41 acres adjoining, on which is a large two-story attic and cellar frame dwelling, together with other necessary outbuildings, all in good order. Maps at the office of the Auctioneer, No. 369 Fulton-st., Brooklyn.
W. A. CARTER, Auctioneer—Store No. 53 Cortlandt-st.
MACHINERY AT AUCTION FOR ACCOUNT OF whom it may concern.—M. A. LEE—At the storage-store of Meyer & Smith, No. 62 Beach corner Greenwich-st., WEDNESDAY, Nov. 27, at 12 o'clock, entire machinery of a Rubber or Gutta Percha manufactory.

OFFICE OF COLLECTOR OF INTERNAL REVENUE, FOURTH DISTRICT STATE OF NEW-YORK, NEW-YORK, Nov. 9, 1867.
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT I have distrained upon one hundred and three thousand cigars, thirty-three barrels smoking tobacco, eight boxes granulated tobacco, one hundred packages Chingaro-ra tobacco, about 1,500 papers Lorillard's chewing tobacco, about 500 pounds cut tobacco, 500 packages smoking, a lot of pipes and patent tobacco pouches, 10 lbs. snuff, in bladders, several caddies and packages of plug and granulated smoking tobacco, for the payment of taxes assessed against Isaac Allen & Co., by R. P. Robinson, Assessor Fourth District, New-Jersey, and sent to me for collection by J. Boyd Headley, Collector of said district.
Said property will be sold at public auction at No. 56 Broadway, on THURSDAY, the 21st day of November, 1867, at 11 o'clock in the forenoon of said day.
The above sale is adjourned to Nov. 27, 1867, at the same time and place. J. F. BAILEY, Collector.
No. 3 BOWLING-GREEN, NEW-YORK, Nov. 26, 1867.
THE AUCTION SALE OF THREE (3) horses, two (2) cows, twenty (20) carts, seventeen (17) sets harness, fifteen thousand (15,000) pounds wrought and cast iron, &c., &c., advertised to take place at Fort Tompkins, Staten Island, on Thursday, 28th inst., is postponed until SATURDAY, Nov. 30, at 11 o'clock A. M. O. A. GILLMORE,
Brevet Major-General U. S. A.

FURNITURE.

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BRAUNSDORF & METZ, successors to Weil & Braunsdorf, offer their stock of well-assorted furniture, consisting of parlor, sitting-room, library, bedroom and dining-room suites, of the latest styles, to the public, at wholesale prices, at Nos. 125 and 127 Rivington-st., between Essex and Norfolk sts.
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Rosewood, Walnut and Mahogany Parlor and Chamber Furniture.
Dining-room Suites,
Spring and Hair Mattresses, &c., &c.
Enameled and Chamber Furniture.
DECKLAF & TAYLOR,
Nos. 87 and 89 Bowery, No. 68 Christie-st., and Nos. 130 and 132 Hester-st., entrance No. 87 Bowery.

FURNITURE, FURNITURE.
We manufacture and sell in suites or single pieces all kinds of FURNITURE, cheaper than any other house. Also, MATTRESSES, LOOKING-GLASSES, SELF-LOCKING and CRADLES of all kinds, SOFA and SECRETARY BEDSTEADS. Call and save money.
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No. 203 Bowery, bet. Stanton and Houston sts., Second furniture-store from either corner.
Note the number.

LEGAL NOTICES.

OFFICE OF THE UNITED STATES LIFE INSURANCE CO., IN THE CITY OF NEW-YORK, No. 40 WALL-ST.
NEW-YORK, Nov. 6, 1867.
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT AT a meeting of the Board of Directors of this Company, duly convened to-day at this office, the following resolutions were adopted by the unanimous vote of this Company, and directing the time and mode of subscribing for and paying in the same, including the closing and opening of the transfer-books, were unanimously adopted: Resolved, That the authorized capital stock of this Company be increased one hundred thousand dollars, and that the subscriptions for the same, in shares of fifty dollars each, shall be received at the office of this Company, No. 40 Wall-st., in the City of New-York, on SATURDAY, the eighth day of February next, between the hours of ten o'clock A. M. and three o'clock P. M., and on each succeeding day between the same hours during six business days thereafter, unless the subscription shall be sooner filled, and the par value of every such share, being fifty dollars, is hereby required to be paid in, in cash, in sums of ten dollars per share at the time of making such subscriptions, and the balance, being forty dollars per share, within ten days thereafter. Resolved, That on the fifteenth day of February next, and the proprietors of the existing guarantee capital are hereby declared to have the preference in such subscriptions. Resolved, That notice of the intention to increase the capital stock of this Company one hundred thousand dollars be, and the same is hereby directed to be published for a period of three months, in two daily newspapers published in the City of New-York. Resolved, That the stock transfer-books of this Company be, and the same are hereby directed to be closed on and from Wednesday, the fifth day of February next, at noon, until Wednesday, the fourth day of March next, at noon. By order,
NICHOLAS DEGROOT, Secretary.

SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEW-YORK.—JOSEPHINE P. BRUCE against SAMUEL C. BRUCE.—Summons for relief.—(Complaint not served.)—To the defendant: You are hereby summoned and required to answer the complaint in this action, which will be filed in the office of the Clerk of the City and County of New-York, and State of New-York, and serve a copy of your answer to the said complaint on the subscriber, at his office, No. 220 Broadway, in the City of New-York, within twenty days after the service of this summons on you, exclusive of the day of service; and if you fail to answer the said complaint within the time aforesaid, the plaintiff in this action will apply to the Court for the relief demanded in the complaint.
Dated NEW-YORK, Sept. 7, 1867.
JOHN J. TYLER, Plaintiff's Attorney.
No. 220 Broadway, New-York.
The complaint in the above entitled action was filed in the office of the Clerk of the City and County of New-York, in the State of New-York, on the 18th day of October, 1867.
JOHN J. TYLER, Plaintiff's Attorney.

AUCTION SALES.

OFFICIAL NOTICE.
ST. LOUIS CITY WATER BONDS AT AUCTION.
OFFICE OF THE BOARD OF WATER COMMISSIONERS, ST. LOUIS, Nov. 21, 1867.
The Board of Water Commissioners of the City of St. Louis will (by authority of law) offer at public auction, at the Merchants' Exchange in this City, on THURSDAY, Dec. 12, at 12 o'clock noon, the remainder of the "ST. LOUIS WATER BONDS," amounting in the aggregate to
TWO AND A HALF MILLIONS OF DOLLARS.
The bonds will be offered for sale in sums of not less than one hundred thousand dollars, and the whole, or such portion of the whole two and a half million dollars, will be sold, as may in the judgment of the Board seem proper. Bonds will be ready for delivery on or about Jan. 1, 1868, as soon as signed by the Mayor, City Register and President of the Board, and must be paid for at the National Bank of the State of Missouri, in St. Louis, in the currency of the United States, ON DELIVERY.
These bonds bear date June 25, 1867; have twenty years to run; principal and interest payable (interest half-yearly) in GOLD COIN of the United States, at the National Bank of the Republic, in the City of New-York, and being ante-dated, one coupon, for the amount of interest due 25th of December, 1867, will be cut off previous to delivery.
The security for the payment of principal and interest of these bonds

FORTIETH CONGRESS.

FIRST SESSION.

SENATE....WASHINGTON, Tuesday, Nov. 26.

The Senate was opened with prayer by the Chaplain, who invited a blessing on the grave duties which now devolved upon the sister body, praying that they should be gifted with firmness and moderation in their discharge.

THE COTTON TAX.

The Chair took from the table and referred, memorials from citizens of Alabama and elsewhere, relating to the tax on cotton.

CHANGE OF NAME.

Mr. HARLAN introduced a bill which was referred, and subsequently taken up and passed, changing the name of SAMUEL CHASE BARNEY, a grandson of Commodore BARNEY, to SAMUEL CHASE DE KRAAFS. The alleged reason was the bad character of the petitioner's father.

RAILROAD PRIVILEGES.

A bill was introduced by Mr. MORGAN and referred, granting to the Hudson River West Shore Railroad Company the right of way through the lands of the United States at West Point.

GENS. HOWARD AND SICKLES.

Mr. CONKLIN presented a memorial from the Union League Club, with a bill accompanying, asking Congress to prevent the mustering out from the Volunteer Service of Gens. SICKLES and HOWARD. Referred to the Committee on Military affairs.

ASSISTANT ATTORNEY-GENERAL.

Mr. WILSON introduced a bill relative to the appointment of Assistant Attorney-General, providing that the same shall be subject to confirmation by the Senate. Mr. WILSON suggested that the propriety of this matter would be seen in view of the slanders and libels on the country which had emanated from that Department during the last few months. Referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

CORRESPONDENCE WITH MR. MOTLEY.

Mr. SUMNER introduced the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That the President of the United States be requested to communicate to the Senate, if in his opinion not incompatible with the public interest, any correspondence with Mr. MOTLEY, the recent Minister of the United States at Vienna, or with the Austrian Government not heretofore communicated, especially so far as the same relates to the removal of Mr. MOTLEY from his post.

FINAL ADJOURNMENT ON MONDAY.

Mr. GRIMES introduced a joint resolution, that the President of the Senate and Speaker of the House adjourn their respective Houses, without day, on Monday next at 11 o'clock A. M.

Mr. SUMNER suggested that it be made 12 o'clock. "Would they," he asked, "leave to the President one-half hour within which he could take advantage of their absence, to make an appointment, which, as the next Congress might sit until mid-Summer or Autumn, might be valid until the last day of that session?"

Mr. GRIMES modified the resolution accordingly.

Mr. SHERMAN did not see that any object could be gained by passing the resolution. The Senator's purpose would be attained without taking that course.

Mr. FESSENDEN thought there was no great danger to be apprehended from a blank of an hour, but suggested that an adjournment might be had five minutes before 12 o'clock. There should be some slight intermission, and certainly no harm could be done in five minutes.

Mr. TRUMBULL said it was immaterial to him whether they adjourned to-day or next month, but he protested against any such mode of legislation as had been advanced. Congress should pursue the even tenor of its way. While they had a President of the United States they should treat him as such, and not anticipate some terrible thing. Let him take the consequences of his own acts, and they should do their own duty. He did not believe the Union was to be injured or destroyed in the next short time. What they did should be done with reference to their own convenience, and with no particular regard to what some one might suppose or what some other person might do.

Mr. SUMNER—I hope what we may do will be done with reference to the welfare of the country, and with no particular reference to any rumors or reports. There I agree with my friend, but I do not agree with him when he says, "Give the President another chance."

Mr. TRUMBULL—I do not say that.

Mr. SUMNER—We have been already giving him too many chances, and you cannot act now without taking into consideration his character and position. Those are now matters of history. I would speak with proper delicacy, with proper reserve, would allude to them, but I must act under the responsibility of a Senator. A large portion of our country believe the President to be a wicked man, of evil thoughts and unpatriotic purposes, and in spirit and sentiment the successor of JEFFERSON DAVIS, through whom at this moment the rebellion is revived. Those are the sentiments of a large portion of our people.

Mr. DIXON—I would ask the Senator if that is the opinion of the majority in his estimate.

Mr. SUMNER said that did not belong to the question. It was undoubtedly the opinion of a large portion of the people of the United States, whether a majority or not, the future would disclose. He did not wish to go in advance of or anticipate any such judgment, but spoke now simply with reference to what was before them. The question was whether they should give the President another opportunity; he said no, and arriving at that conclusion he did not act on any rumor or hearsay. He